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ROWVAUGHN WELLS, mother of Tyre Nichols, wipes a tear as attorney Benjamin Crump speaks Friday in Memphis, Tenn. Wells urged people to protest peacefully upon the release of video showing the police attack.

Video depicts savage beating by policemen

Footage shows Memphis officers kicking, punching Tyre Nichols

By Libor Jany,
Noah Goldberg
and James Queally

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The city of Memphis released nearly an hour of graphic video Friday evening showing the beating of Tyre Nichols, footage capturing a traffic stop that spiraled into a savage display of force, once again leaving an American city reeling from police violence.

The video — which includes numerous angles from police body-camera footage — shows the violent encounter between Nichols, a 29-year-old Black man, and police during his Jan. 7 arrest, which stemmed from a traffic stop. Nichols died three days later from his injuries.

The highly anticipated footage formed the basis of murder charges that were filed Thursday against five Black former Memphis police officers from the department's "SCORPION" unit and set off protests across the country. The fired officers — Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills Jr. and Justin Smith — were released from the Shelby County Jail early Friday morning, according to jail records. The officers were released on bail ranging from $250,000 to $350,000, according to the Shelby County district attorney.

Four videos of the incident were released — three of which were recorded by cameras worn by officers and a fourth from a pole-mounted police camera in the neighborhood where the beating occurred. The video starts when officers stop Nichols.

Police are seen with their guns drawn the moment they step out of their cars and approach Nichols, who is in the driver's seat of his car in the middle of a lane.

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Memphis police squad is criticized

Chief defends the unit involved in Tyre Nichols' death, calling five cops rogue agents. **NATION, A8**

Paul Pelosi attack in graphic detail

Court allows release of police bodycam, suspect's confession and 911 call in assault.

By Hannah Fry
and Hannah Wiley

A surveillance video that shows an intruder breaking into a San Francisco house. A 911 call in which a man calmly tells police there's a "gentleman here just waiting for my wife to come back, Nancy Pelosi." A police body-camera video that shows the suspect swinging a hammer at Paul Pelosi.

Videos and audio recordings made public by a San Francisco court Friday together form a chilling account of the ordeal that unfolded inside the home of then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in the early hours of Oct. 28, when a man smashed into the house and attacked her husband in a brutal act of political violence just before the midterm elections.

The recordings are evidence in the case against David DePape, who has been charged with attempted murder, residential burglary, assault with a deadly weapon, elder abuse, false imprisonment of an elder and threats to a public official and their family on allegations of breaking into the lawmaker's home and attacking Paul Pelosi, fracturing his skull and causing other serious injuries. DePape has pleaded not guilty.

In a rambling interview with police recorded shortly after the attack that was also released Friday, DePape said he broke into the house and hit Paul Pelosi with a hammer, but that he'd come to the house hoping to find Nancy Pelosi, Democrats' "leader of the pack."

She was in Washington with her protective detail at the time of the break-in. Security cameras at the home were not actively being monitored by U.S. Capitol Police the night of the home invasion, according to the government agency.

The lawmaker briefly addressed the release of the evidence in comments to reporters at the Capitol on Friday.

"I have not heard the 911

[See **Video,** A12]

Steps toward healing can be found on dance floor

Though mass shooting still weighs on community, teachers and students say they are ready to get back to ballroom moves.

By Carlos De Loera

Lucy Wong was not sure at first whether it was safe to go back to Lai Lai Ballroom & Studio in Alhambra.

It was here that 72-year-old gunman Huu Can Tran went after fatally shooting 11 at another dance studio in nearby Monterey Park last weekend. Authorities believe he planned another attack in Alhambra, but a man at the studio wrestled the gun away, and Tran fled.

But as more details emerged in the days since the shooting that Saturday, Wong and other Lai Lai patrons decided it was important to come back.

"I was more scared when I didn't know the details," Wong said. "I was afraid it might be a hate crime against Asians, Chinese, but I found that it's not — it's just one crazy person. So I feel OK; I'm not scared anymore."

To her, there was only one message to take from the violence: "Don't be afraid. Don't be intimidated. Just do your normal thing. Go about life. It's so unpredictable, life is."

Maksym Kapitanchuk, who has worked as an instructor at the studio since 2010, called Lai Lai his home.

"All my students are very close to me here. They're all my family," he said Friday during a Social Tea Dance at the studio. "To see them back here is really good."

Kapitanchuk was out of state when he learned of the mass shooting. He expected Lai Lai and his students would want time off after being so close to the tragedy. But a Facebook post Sunday night announced that classes would resume the next day.

"I thought everyone would be scared to come back," he said. "But nobody wanted to stop the classes. It's a very strong community."

By the end of the week, cha-cha, salsa and ballroom music replaced any sense of

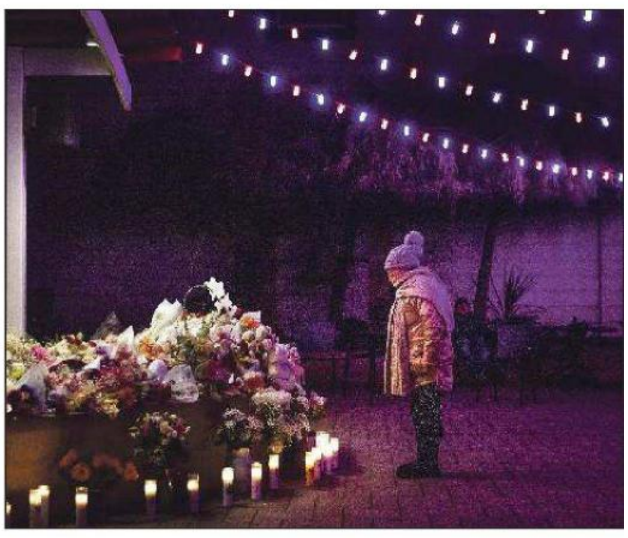
[See **Dance,** A6]

Mass for the victims

Service at St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church honors the 11 slain in Monterey Park. Pastor calls it "the saddest moment." **CALIFORNIA, B1**

GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

COCO JIANG, a student at Lai Lai Ballroom & Studio in Alhambra, gives a hug of thanks to Brandon Tsay, who disarmed a gunman at the facility.



CARLOS AVILA GONZALEZ Associated Press

A MOURNER visits a memorial to the seven farmworkers killed Monday in Half Moon Bay, Calif.

For farmworkers, the living is hard

The Half Moon Bay shootings shine a light on substandard housing, low wages.

By Susanne Rust,
Jack Flemming
and Terry Castleman

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — It's not news to Bernardina Medrano and Margarita Martinez that many migrant farmworkers along the San Mateo County coast live in "deplorable" conditions, as Gov. Gavin Newsom and county Supervisor Ray Mueller have described.

Medrano, 43, who pays $850 a month to share a two-bedroom trailer in Pescadero with four other adults and two children, has been here 16 years. Martinez, who lives in a garage, has been here more than 10.

They say finding affordable and safe housing is one of the community's biggest obstacles and hope the attention focused on the area after Monday's mass killing of farmworkers in Half Moon Bay will prompt political decision-makers and the public to finally listen.

"To me, that's the magic word: Listen. I want to be heard," Martinez said.

To most Bay Area residents, Half Moon Bay and nearby coastal areas, such as Pescadero and San Gregorio, conjure images of breathtaking beaches, epic surf and world-class golf courses. It's where tech workers and venture capitalists come to unwind.

But at its core, it's an agricultural community — one that is increasingly struggling as Silicon Valley tycoons buy up land, remote office workers drive up rents,

[See **Farmworkers,** A6]

Cross-India march for unity

Heir to the Gandhi dynasty leads a months-long trek to challenge ruling party.

By Parth M.N.

JALANDHAR, India — On a cold, breezy afternoon in this city in the northern state of Punjab, a crush of people lined both sides of the main road, pushing and shoving to get a better view.

Locals peered at the crowds from their balconies, cradling toddlers with one hand and positioning their phones for a photo with the other. Security forces, parked alongside the sidewalk, gripped a long rope to keep the public from spilling into the streets.

They were waiting for the arrival of Rahul Gandhi, leader of the Indian National Congress and heir to a once-dominant political dynasty, who is leading a march that traverses the length of his country to challenge Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party, known as BJP.

Gandhi and his followers say their country is being divided along religious lines under Modi's hard-line right-wing government, favoring the Hindu majority over Muslims and other minorities. The march christened the Unite India Rally is one of the most significant political campaigns leading up to the national election, still a year away, when Modi will be seeking his third term.

The rally started on Sept. 7 in Kanyakumari, at the southern tip of India, and is supposed to conclude by the end of January in the disputed territory of Kash-

[See **India,** A4]

Plot targeted Iranian author in New York

U.S. charges three men in alleged murder-for-hire scheme aimed at dissident, an American citizen. **NATION, A5**

Holocaust stirs painful memories

On world day of remembrance of Nazi atrocities, Russia's invasion of Ukraine evokes comparisons. **WORLD, A4**

Weather
Partly sunny.
L.A. Basin: 64/50. **B8**

Among the worst water polluters

Study finds Chevron El Segundo was top emitter of nitrogen and selenium. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

Former actor goes prime time

Trenton Irwin to play for the Bengals in AFC Championship game Sunday. **SPORTS, B12**

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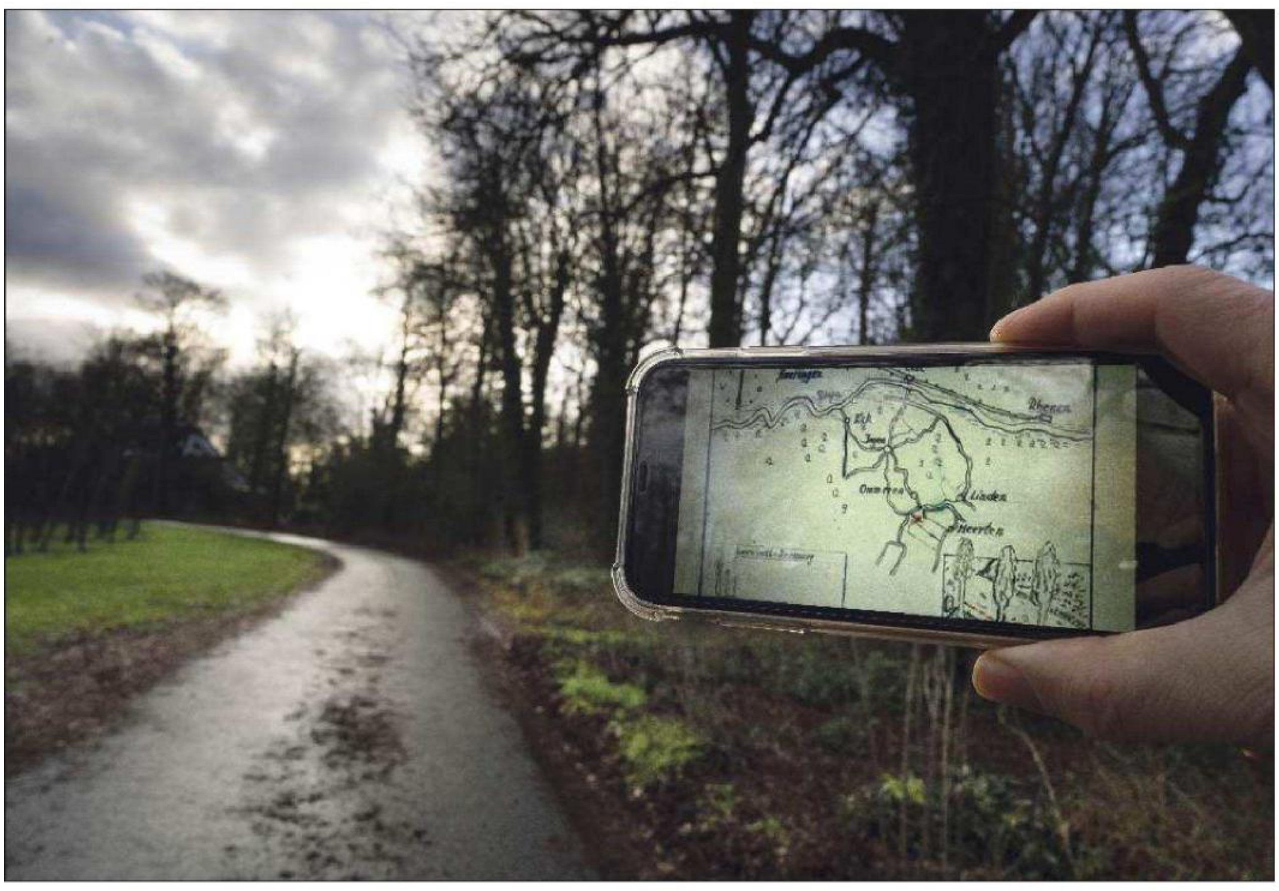

PETER DEJONG Associated Press

A CAMERAMAN holds a phone displaying the map purportedly showing the location of buried Nazi loot in Ommeren, Netherlands. It wasn't clear if prospectors could keep the loot or if authorities would claim it.

World War II-era map sparks treasure hunt in Dutch village

Prospectors hope to find stolen jewelry supposedly buried by Nazi soldiers.

By Aleksandar Furtula

OMMEREN, Netherlands — A hand-drawn map with a red "X" purportedly showing the location of a buried stash of precious jewelry looted by the Nazis from a blown-up bank vault has sparked a modern-day treasure hunt in a tiny Dutch village more than three-quarters of a century later.

Wielding metal detectors, shovels and copies of the map on cellphones, prospectors have descended on Ommeren — population 715 — about 50 miles southeast of Amsterdam to try to dig up a potential World War II trove based on the drawing first published Jan. 3.

"Yes, it is of course spectacular news that has enthralled the whole village," local resident Marco Roodveldt said. "But not only our village — also people who do not come from here."

He said that "all kinds of people have been spontaneously digging in places where they think that treasure is buried — with a metal detector."

It wasn't immediately clear if authorities could claim the loot if it was found or if a prospector could keep it.

So far, nobody has reported finding anything. The treasure hunt began this year when the Dutch National Archives published — as it does every January — thousands of documents for historians to pore over.

Most of them went largely unnoticed. But the map, which includes a sketch of a cross-section of a country road and another with a red "X" at the base of one of three trees, was an unexpected viral hit that briefly shattered the midwinter calm of Ommeren.

"We're quite astonished about the story itself. But the attention it's getting is [surprising] as well," National Archives researcher Annet Waalkens said as she carefully showed off the map.

Photos on social media in early January showed people digging holes more than 3 feet deep, sometimes on private property, in the hope of unearthing a fortune.

Buren, the municipality that Ommeren falls under, published a statement on its website pointing out that a ban on metal detection is in place for the municipality and warned that the area was a World War II front line.

"Searching there is dangerous because of possible unexploded bombs, land mines and shells," the municipality said in a statement. "We advise against going to look for the Nazi treasure."

The latest treasure hunters aren't the first to leave the village empty-handed.

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> — ANNET WAALKENS, Dutch National Archives researcher

The story starts, Waalkens said, in the summer of 1944 in the Nazi-occupied city of Arnhem — made famous by the star-studded movie "A Bridge Too Far" — when a bomb hit a bank, pierced its vault and scattered its contents, including gold, jewelry and cash, over the street.

German soldiers stationed nearby "pocket what they can get and they keep it in ammunition boxes," Waalkens said. As World War II nears its end in 1945, the Netherlands' German occupiers were pushed back by Allied advances. The soldiers who had been in Arnhem found themselves in Ommeren and decided to bury the loot.

"Four ammunition boxes and then just some jewelry that was kept in handkerchiefs or even cash money folded in. And they buried it right there," she said, citing an account by a German soldier who was interviewed after the war by Dutch military authorities in Berlin and who was responsible for the map. The archive doesn't know if the soldier is still alive and hasn't released his name, citing European Union privacy regulations.

Dutch authorities using the map and the soldier's account went hunting for the loot in 1947. The first time, the ground was frozen solid and they made no headway. When they went back after the thaw, they found nothing, Waalkens said.

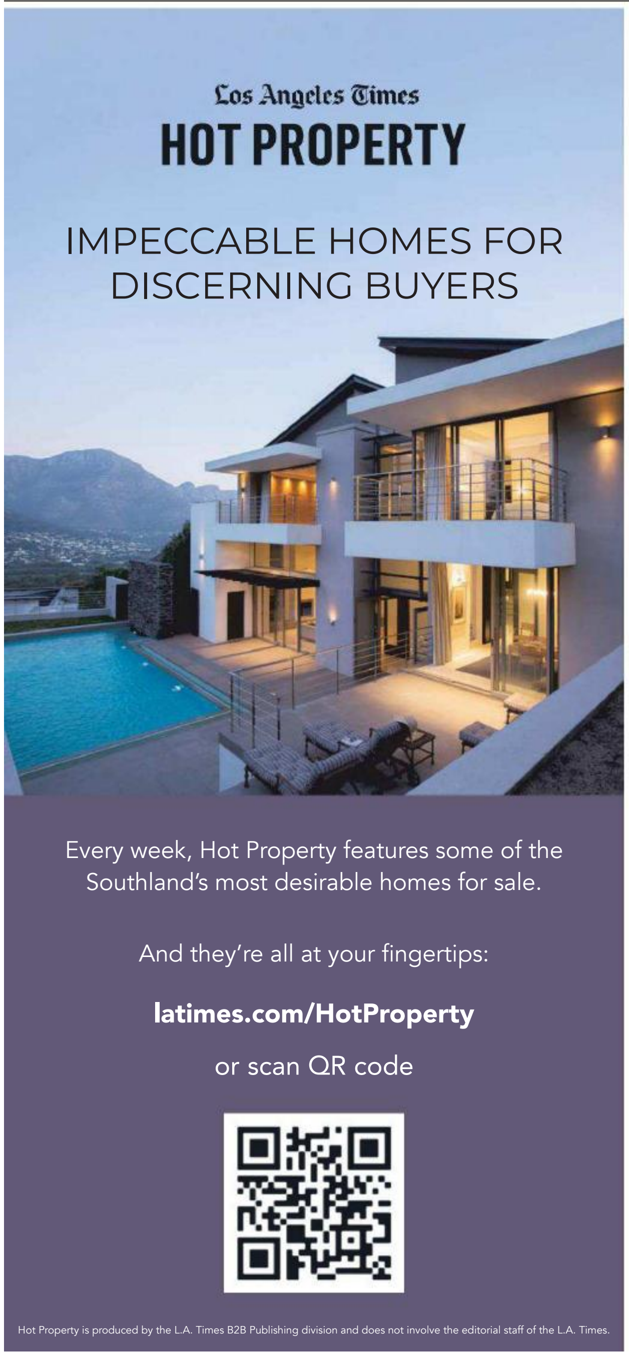
After the unsuccessful attempts, the German soldier said that "he believed that someone else has already excavated the treasure," Waalkens said.

That detail was largely overlooked by treasure hunters who descended on Ommeren in the days after the map's publication. On a recent visit to the village, there were no diggers to be seen as peace and quiet has returned to Ommeren.

But the village's brief brush with fame left a sour taste for some residents. Ria van Tuil van Neerbos said she didn't believe in the treasure story, but understood why some did.

"If they hear something, they'll head toward it," she said. "But I don't think it's good that they just dug into the ground and things like that."

Furtula writes for the Associated Press.



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Tanzania seizing herders' animals, U.S. group says

The move is seen as an attempt to pressure Indigenous people to make way for tourism.

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MOMBASA, Kenya — The Tanzanian government is seizing livestock from Indigenous Maasai herders in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in its latest attempt to clear the way for tourism and trophy hunting, a report released this week said.

The update Thursday from the Oakland Institute, a U.S.-based environmental think tank, found that the government forcefully confiscated some 5,880 cattle and 767 goats and sheep from the Maasai in November and December and is demanding that owners pay heavy fines.

Those failing to pay have their livestock auctioned and moved away.

"Livestock is central to the Maasai culture and livelihoods," Anuradha Mittal, the institute's executive director, told the Associated Press.

"Losing cattle is therefore catastrophic for them. With this new tactic the government's goal is clearly to drive them away from their ancestral lands."

The government has remained adamant that the relocations will pave the way for safari tourism, conservation and trophy hunting for lions, elephants and other famous large species, aiding the country's environment and economic development. It termed the Maasai's displacement "voluntary," adding that it would suit the lives of the semi-nomadic pastoralists.

But Mittal said the government's assertions that the relocations would better the lives of the Maasai are "a blatant lie."

He added that the government "continues to prioritize tourism revenues over everything else, including lives."

Previously the government has been accused of denying access to essential health services, grazing lands, water points and salt licks to compel the Maasai to move out of the area.

Salangat Marko, a herder from Ololosokwan village in Loliondo where pastures are being cleared, is worried for the future of his family.

"We are in a bowl of economic suicide," he said. "A community depending on livestock without grazing land. I have cows with no grass and water. Herders intimidated and beaten. ... Where do we go and what do we feed our children?"

The Ngorongoro Conservation Area is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Maasai villages occupy a small fraction of the site, within the Loliondo commune.

In June the Tanzanian government was accused of using violence against Maasai people protesting their eviction, attracting heavy international criticism. But Maasais suffered a setback when a regional court ruled in favor of the evictions.

The African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, normally based in Gambia, is currently in Tanzania to seek information on the human rights situation for Indigenous people in the Loliondo and Ngorongoro areas.

Several Tanzanian human rights agencies have urged the commission to be impartial and organize confidential private hearing sessions with victims of the displacement and civil society organizations well away from ongoing state-sponsored efforts.

Religious relics found in Mexico City cathedral

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MEXICO CITY — Experts restoring the interior of Mexico City's Metropolitan Cathedral said Friday they found 23 lead boxes containing religious inscriptions and relics including small paintings and wood or palm crosses.

The lead containers, each about the size of a mint box, have written inscriptions dedicated to particular saints. A handwritten note found in one suggests they were found previously in 1810 and reburied.

The note said that one of the boxes had been found by a group of masons and painters in 1810, and asked whoever found it to "pray for their souls."

The boxes were found in niches carved into walls of the base of the cathedral's lantern, the slender skylight that sits atop the dome. The niches were covered with clay panels and were hidden under plaster.

Experts said Friday they were found Dec. 30 during work to restore the plaster. The National Institute of Anthropology and History said they may have been placed there to provide divine protection for the cathedral or the city.

The institute said that once they were cataloged, the boxes and their contents would be returned to their niches and re-covered with plaster.

The Roman Catholic cathedral was built between 1573 and 1813. One of the reasons it took so long was that almost as soon as construction started, the massive building began sinking into the soft subsoil that characterizes the city.

It is not the first time that relics have been found buried within the cathedral's walls.

In 2008, researchers found a time capsule from 1791 that was placed atop a bell tower in the cathedral, apparently to protect the building from lightning. The lead box filled with religious artifacts, coins and parchments was placed in a hollow stone ball to mark the celebration on May 14, 1791, when the building's topmost stone was laid, 218 years after construction began.

A perfectly preserved parchment found in the box described the time capsule's contents, including 23 medals, five coins, and five small crosses made of palms. The parchment says, "all are for protection from the storms."

MARCO UGARTE Associated Press

EXPERTS restoring Mexico City's Metropolitan Cathedral said they found 23 relic-filled lead boxes.

El Salvador abuses detailed

Leaked government data confirm scope of violations, Human Rights Watch says.

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Moises Castillo Associated Press

A CARGO TRUCK delivers Salvadorans to a detention center Oct. 7. El Salvador last March suspended some fundamental rights to confront gang violence.

SAN SALVADOR — Human Rights Watch says it has obtained a database leaked from El Salvador's government that corroborates violations of due process, severe prison overcrowding and deaths in custody under the emergency powers put in place last March to confront a surge in gang violence.

The global human rights organization said Friday that the database from the Ministry of Public Safety lists details about some 50,000 people who were arrested between the implementation of the state of exception in late March and late August.

A spokesperson for President Nayib Bukele said the office had not seen the report early Friday and had no comment.

El Salvador's Legislative Assembly approved the suspension of some fundamental rights after an outburst of violence among the country's powerful street gangs. People no longer have to be told why they are being arrested or what rights they have or be given access to a lawyer. The government also suspended the right of association.

Many of the abuses have been previously reported by Human Rights Watch and local civil society organization Cristosal, but the government data added some detail, including the name, age and gender of those arrested; where they were arrested; the charges they face; and the prisons to which they were sent.

Among those arrested during the period were more than 1,000 minors who were sent to pretrial detention.

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>
> — Human Rights Watch

In March, the country's Legislative Assembly lowered the age of criminal responsibility for gang-related crimes to 12 from 16.

The database also pointed to staggering levels of overcrowding in El Salvador's prisons. The government is building a massive new facility, but in the meantime, more detainees are stuffed into existing prisons while awaiting trial.

As of August, the prison population had grown to more than 86,000; according to government information in February 2021, the facilities have a capacity of 30,000.

The government reported in November that 90 people had died in custody since March.

The most common charge is "unlawful association," accounting for some 39,000 of the new arrests. More than 8,000 face a charge of belonging to a terrorist organization.

"The use of these broadly defined crimes opens the door to arbitrary arrests of people with no relevant connection to gangs and does little to ensure justice for violent gang abuses, such as killings and rape," Human Rights Watch said in a statement.

Security Minister Gustavo Villatoro recently said that no international organization was going to tell El Salvador how to fix its problems and that the number of detentions shows that the new strategy has been successful. Violent crime has fallen dramatically across El Salvador, and public polling shows broad support for the harsh measures.

For years, gangs controlled swaths of the country, often controlling who came and went from neighborhoods, including whether government services had access. The gangs extorted from local businesses and aggressively recruited for their ranks.

The government reported 495 homicides in 2022, the lowest figure in decades. The government did not include at least 120 killings committed by security forces against alleged gang members. Still, that total pales in comparison with the 6,656 homicides the country reported in 2015.

Peru's president, in key concession, agrees to hold elections this year

Amid deadly protests, Boluarte calls on Congress to move up the vote to December.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LIMA, Peru — Peruvian President Dina Boluarte called on Congress on Friday to approve a proposal to move up elections to late this year, a marked concession from the leader who has been facing daily protests that have left almost 60 people dead.

Boluarte had already expressed support for holding national elections in April 2024, rather than the previously scheduled 2026, but support seems to be growing among lawmakers to move them forward even earlier, to this December.

Moving elections to later this year could help the country "get out of this quagmire we're in," Boluarte said Friday after participating in an event to publicize the government's efforts to send medicine and other goods to an Andes region at a time when protesters have blockaded several key highways as part of the antigovernment demonstrations.

Boluarte ascended from vice president to become president Dec. 7 after her predecessor, Pedro Castillo, was impeached for trying to dissolve Congress. He was later arrested and detained.

Protests quickly broke out across the country with demonstrators taking to the streets to demand Boluarte's resignation and the dissolution of Congress. Amid the unrest, 56 people have died, including at least 45 in direct clashes with security forces, according to Peru's ombudsman.

"The protests continue; there are more blockades and violence," Boluarte said, noting she had talked with ministers about the possibility of moving the elections forward. "I'm here because I took on a responsibility and will be here until Congress sets a date. That's why I ask, come to an agreement."

Boluarte added that she had no interest "in staying in the presidency."

Protests against Boluarte had been focused in remote areas, largely in the south, where voters had a particular affinity with Castillo, the first Peruvian president from a rural Andean background. Last week, thousands of protesters descended on Lima and have carried out nearly daily demonstrations in the downtown area of Peru's capital.

Boluarte has spoken against the demonstrations, characterizing them as violent and claiming they are being funded by illegal miners and drug traffickers in an effort to sow chaos for political gain. She has also praised police, who have used tear gas and pellets to repel protesters in Lima.

The Defense Ministry said Thursday that the armed forces will support an effort by police to lift ongoing blockades on highways that the government says are causing shortages and price increases in certain parts of the country.

There are 89 road blockades in the country, largely focused on the country's south, according to Peru's ombudsman.

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In long march, a Gandhi challenges ruling party

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Gandhi will have covered 2,175 miles, walking through 12 states. On many days nearly 1,000 people are walking with him.

With its emphasis on spreading a message of love and unification and raising important issues like unemployment and inflation, the rally is a counterpoint to a longtime narrative that has suggested the 52-year-old Gandhi — whose father, grandmother and great-grandfather served as prime ministers of India — was a reluctant politician who excelled at partying and had little interest in the hard work of governing.

Over the last few months, the rally has received notice and support from institutions that are not associated with the government — nonprofits, universities, professional organizations, cultural groups, noted lawyers and economists, stand-up comics and Bollywood actors. Even in it last leg, the rally is still drawing large crowds.

But will it be enough to overcome the decline of the Indian National Congress, or INC, which has struggled for years with defeat and scandal, and the current government, which has a tight grip on civilian institutions, including the court and media?

Sheela Devi was among those watching the rally from their homes. Wrapped in a muffler and a monkey cap, she said she was there "to give [Gandhi] my blessings," and added: "He is raising the right issues."

A homemaker with a husband who works as a driver at a car rental company, Devi, 45, is worried about rising costs.

"The fuel has gotten expensive. The gas cylinder [for home heating] has gotten expensive," she said. "These issues are being ignored. ... It takes courage to stand up with the message of peace in these troubled times."

She paused when she heard people chanting: "Rahul Gandhi for the win."

"Is he here?" Devi asked a bystander. "I think so," he responded, and whipped out his cellphone to make a video call to his wife.

The chants grew louder as Gandhi approached. His supporters, wearing caps and T-shirts bearing his image, started waving the national flag. Their energy seemed contagious.

The only person wearing a short-sleeved shirt in a sea of jackets and shawls, Gandhi waved and smiled through his ruffled salt-and-pepper beard, which he hasn't shaved since the rally began. His pace was brisk, but he stopped on occasion to greet people who wanted to shake his hand or hug him, politely engaging before moving on.

Altaf Qadri Associated Press

RAHUL GANDHI, waving, leader of the Indian National Congress, greets supporters last month on his cross-country walk. Gandhi accuses Prime Minister Narendra Modi of using religion to divide the country.

> 'Fishermen, factory workers, youth, farmers have all come up to us and shared their concerns.'
>
> — Vaibhav Walia, Indian National Congress official, who has been with the rally from the start

"We have met people from different states, different cultures and different backgrounds," said Vaibhav Walia, 32, an official with the Indian National Congress who has been with the rally from the start. "Fishermen, factory workers, youth, farmers have all come up to us and shared their concerns."

One encounter, Walia said, stands out. In southern India, a Muslim woman grabbed his hand and told him she feared for her two adult sons because of the atmosphere in the country. "Nobody should live in fear because they belong to a particular religion," he said.

Each day, the march, funded by the Indian National Congress, covers 15 miles in two stretches. The first continues until 10 a.m., pausing for Gandhi and his supporters to have a tea break and lunch. The march resumes at 3 p.m., and about three hours later, the participants stop at a prearranged camp to eat and sleep.

Gandhi and his party colleagues sleep in containers that have been turned into living quarters — a business class of sorts — and everyone else sleeps on mattresses spread out on a floor. In the second week of January, temperatures dipped below 40 degrees — which prompted some complaints.

"It is particularly difficult during this biting cold," said Shakeel Ahmed, 52, a Mumbai-based advocate and activist, who also started walking on Sept. 7. "The sanitation facilities for us are inferior. In one state, a cultural program was arranged. When I tried to enter, I was told it is only for Gandhi and his associates."

But Ahmed said he'd decided to ignore the differential treatment for the larger cause.

"I have managed to get a lot of hope from the rally," he said. "A few days back, I met a 90-year-old man who had walked two miles just to see Rahul Gandhi. I met so many youngsters who turned up to express solidarity. There is a lot of hate being perpetuated through the media and the ruling party. It is reassuring to see so many people, especially youth, turn up and talk about love and unity."

Mangilal Manju, 22, a carpenter from the western state of Rajasthan, joined the rally the first week of October, leaving work (and $300 a month in earnings) behind. "My parents were reluctant initially," he said. "But this is an important initiative, and we have to back it as much as possible. This is for the future of India."

Fifteen days into the rally, Manju concluded that mainstream media, frequently accused of favoring Modi, were not covering the rally. So, he started his own YouTube channel and began posting videos shot on his phone. The most recent has garnered more than 1 million views.

For decades, the Indian National Congress was either in power or provided a strong opposition. But today it's at a low point, with 52 out of 543 seats in Parliament. Party workers were demoralized.

Gandhi, who has emphasized secular values and pluralism during the campaign, has been criticized for a lack of vision. Saba Naqvi, a senior political journalist based in New Delhi, said the party's rhetoric doesn't match its reality on the ground when it comes to electoral politics.

"I don't have the confidence in the Congress' ability to directly take on the BJP even today," she said. "A lot depends on how the party workers follow up the impact of the rally on the ground."

But Naqvi believes the rally has cast Gandhi in a better light. It's a "success in rehabilitation of Rahul Gandhi's image and in reminding us of our constitutional moorings. It's a voice against all pervasive cronyism of our times and rampant inequality."

Shivam Vij, a columnist based in New Delhi, said the rally has helped the Indian National Congress consolidate its base. "But the real challenge is to recover the ground it has lost to Modi in the last eight years," he added. "The Congress needs to keep this momentum for a year and half until the next elections. That will help them get swing voters that are on the fence."

Political commentator turned political activist Yogendra Yadav, a staunch critic of Gandhi and his party in the past, said he was unsure if the march would have an impact. "But the response has exceeded my expectation," he said. "The rally has activated the demotivated cadre of INC. There is a certain positivity and proactiveness that you didn't associate with the party in years. [Gandhi] was seen as someone who was pampered, ignorant and arrogant. It has all been smashed by the rally."

Ukraine looms over Holocaust ceremony

For survivors of death camps, Russian invasion evokes painful comparisons.

By Vanessa Gera

Michal Dyjuk Associated Press

ZVIKA KARAVANY, 72, a Yemeni-born Israeli, wipes tears during ceremonies Friday at the site of the Auschwitz-Birkenau death camp in Poland.

OSWIECIM, Poland — Auschwitz-Birkenau survivors and other mourners commemorated the 78th anniversary Friday of the Nazi German death camp's liberation, some expressing horror that war has again shattered peace in Europe and the lesson of Never Again is being forgotten.

The former concentration and extermination camp is located in the town of Oswiecim in southern Poland, which was under the occupation of German forces during World War II and became a place of systematic murder of Jews, Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, Roma and others targeted for elimination by Adolf Hitler and his henchmen.

In all, some 1.1 million people were killed at the vast complex before it was liberated by Soviet troops on Jan. 27, 1945.

Today the site, with its barracks, barbed wire and ruins of gas chambers, stands as one of the world's most recognized symbols of evil and a site of pilgrimage for millions.

Jewish and Christian prayers for the dead were recited at the memorial site, which lies only 185 miles from Ukraine, where Russian aggression is creating death and destruction — a conflict on the minds of many this year.

"Standing here today at this place of remembrance, Birkenau, I follow with horror the news from the east that the Russian army, which liberated us here, is waging a war there in Ukraine. Why? Why?" lamented survivor Zdzislawa Wlodarczyk during observances Friday.

Piotr Cywinski, Auschwitz state museum director, compared Nazi crimes to those the Russians have committed in Ukrainian towns including Bucha and Mariupol.

He said that they were inspired by a "similar sick megalomania" and that free people must not remain indifferent.

"Being silent means giving voice to the perpetrators," Cywinski said. "Remaining indifferent is tantamount to condoning murder."

Russian President Vladimir Putin attended observances marking the 60th anniversary of the camp's liberation in 2005. This year, no Russian official was invited because of the attack on Ukraine.

Valentina Matvienko, speaker of Russia's upper house of parliament, deplored that as a "cynical" move.

"They refused to invite the liberators so that they could pay tribute to the memory of the victims," she said. "Of course, this is very worrying."

Rabbi Berl Lazar, one of Russia's two chief rabbis, said not having any Russian invitees was "a humiliation for sure, because we perfectly know and remember the role of the Red Army" in the liberation of Auschwitz.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky marked the event in a social media post, alluding to his own country's situation.

"We know and remember that indifference kills along with hatred," said Zelensky, who is Jewish. "Indifference and hatred are always capable of creating evil together only. That is why it is so important that everyone who values life should show determination when it comes to saving those whom hatred seeks to destroy."

An Israeli teacher, Yossi Michal, paying tribute to the victims with a teachers union delegation, said it was important to remember the past, and while he said what is happening in Ukraine is terrible, he felt each case is unique and they shouldn't be compared.

Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni, whose Brothers of Italy party has its roots in the post-World War II neofascist Italian Social Movement, called the Holocaust "the abyss of humanity. An evil that touched also our country with the infamy of the racial laws of 1938."

Bogdan Bartnikowski, a Pole who was 12 when he was transported to Auschwitz, said the first images he saw on television last February of refugees fleeing Russia's invasion of Ukraine triggered traumatic memories.

He was stunned seeing a little girl in a large crowd of refugees holding her mother with one hand and grasping a teddy bear in the other.

"It was literally a blow to the head for me because I suddenly saw, after almost 80 years, what I had seen in a freight car when I was being transported to Auschwitz. A little girl was sitting next to me, hugging a doll to her chest," said Bartnikowski, now 91.

Bartnikowski was among several survivors of Auschwitz who spoke about their experiences to journalists Thursday.

Another, Stefania Wernik, who was born at Auschwitz in November 1944, less than three months before its liberation, spoke of Auschwitz being a "hell on Earth."

She said when she was born she was so tiny that the Nazis tattooed her number — 89136 — on her thigh. She was washed in cold water, wrapped in rags and subjected to medical experiments.

And yet her mother had abundant milk, and they both survived.

After the war, her mother returned home and reunited with her husband, and "the whole village came to look at us and said it's a miracle."

She appealed for "no more fascism, which brings death, genocide, crimes, slaughter and loss of human dignity."

Among those who attended Friday's commemorations was Doug Emhoff, the husband of U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris. Emhoff, the first Jewish person to be married to one of the top two nationally elected U.S. officials, bowed his head at an execution wall at Auschwitz, where he left a wreath of flowers in the U.S. flag's colors and the words: "From the people of the United States of America."

The Germans established Auschwitz in 1940 for Polish prisoners; later they expanded the complex, building death chambers and crematoria where Jews from across Europe were brought by train to be murdered.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said "the suffering of 6 million innocently murdered Jews remains unforgotten — as does the suffering of the survivors."

"We recall our historic responsibility on Holocaust Memorial Day so that our Never Again endures in future," he wrote on Twitter.

The German parliament was holding a memorial event focused this year on those who were persecuted for their sexual orientation. Thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual people were incarcerated and killed by the Nazis — a fate only publicly recognized decades after the war.

Elsewhere in the world on Friday events were planned to mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, an annual commemoration established by a United Nations resolution in 2005.

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3 charged in plot to kill Iranian American author

Justice Department says murder-for-hire scheme targeted a dissident in New York.

By Lindsay Whitehurst and Ellen Knickmeyer

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MASIH ALINEJAD, an Iranian opposition activist and writer in exile in New York City, confirmed to the Associated Press that she was the intended target of an alleged murder-for-hire plot by three men.

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has charged three men in an alleged plot that originated in Iran to kill an Iranian American author and activist who has spoken out against human rights abuses there, officials said Friday.

Rafat Amirov, 43, of Iran; Polad Omarov, 38, of the Czech Republic and Slovenia; and Khalid Mehdiyev, 24, of Yonkers, N.Y., were charged with money laundering and murder for hire in an indictment unsealed in federal court in New York. The three men were in custody, and one was awaiting extradition to the U.S.

Though authorities didn't identify the alleged target by name, Masih Alinejad, an Iranian opposition activist and writer in exile in New York City, confirmed to the Associated Press that she was the intended target.

"I'm not scared," Alinejad told the AP after U.S. authorities announced the charges. "I want to tell you that the Iranian regime thinks by trying to kill me, they will silence me, or silence other women. But they only strengthen me, make me more powerful to fight for democracy and give voice to brave women who are facing guns and bullets in the streets to get rid of the Islamic Republic."

She said FBI officials had read her the messages that the plotters exchanged, including a final one: "It's going to be done today."

Iran's mission to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the charges. Iranian state media did not immediately acknowledge the alleged plot late Friday.

Although the man who allegedly orchestrated the plot lives in Iran, the indictment does not directly accuse the country's theocracy of being behind the alleged murder for hire.

Still, the case "follows a disturbing pattern of Iranian government-sponsored efforts to kill, torture, and intimidate into silence activists for speaking out for the fundamental rights and freedoms of Iranians around the world," White House national security advisor Jake Sullivan said.

Mehdiyev was arrested last year after he was found driving around Alinejad's Brooklyn neighborhood with a loaded rifle and dozens of rounds of ammunition. Alinejad told AP at the time that authorities told her the man was looking for her, and that a home security video had caught him outside her door.

"The government of Iran has previously targeted dissidents around the world, including the victim, who oppose the regime's violations of human rights," Atty. Gen. Merrick Garland said in announcing the charges.

He said that "individuals in Iran" had tasked the defendants with carrying out the plot to kill the activist. In 2021, an Iranian intelligence official and three others were charged with plotting to kidnap Alinejad, he said.

All three defendants are natives of Azerbaijan, which shares a border and cultural ties with Iran.

Amirov made his initial court appearance in New York, and attorney Michael Martin entered a not-guilty plea on his behalf.

An attorney for Mehdiyev declined to comment Friday.

Omarov was arrested in the Czech Republic earlier this month. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney to speak on his behalf.

"This case also highlights the evolving threat and the increasingly brazen conduct emanating from Iran," Deputy Atty. Gen. Lisa Monaco said.

She also pointed to charges filed against members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in an alleged plot to kill a former U.S. national security advisor, as well as charges against Iranian hackers accused of targeting U.S. utility companies.

In recent years, Iranian intelligence and security services have stepped up the use of "transnational repression tactics" to target political opponents and critics, said FBI Director Christopher A. Wray.

"The Iranian government's efforts to silence its critics aren't confined to the borders of Iran," Wray said.

Tensions between the United States and Iran are higher than usual, with the Biden administration's attempts to revive a 2015 deal limiting Iran's nuclear program falling apart and the U.S. denouncing Iran's targeting of protesters there. Iran also is accused of providing Russia with drones that are playing a significant role in Russian attacks on civilian targets in Ukraine.

Alinejad told the AP she hoped that the ruthlessness of Iranians plotting to kill a U.S. citizen on American soil would convince President Biden to act on calls to place Iran's Revolutionary Guard on the U.S. list of terrorist entities.

"I want to meet with my president, to ask face to face ... whether he's going to be with with me, with the people of Iran, with the women of Iran," she said.

Alinejad, who worked for years as a journalist in Iran, long has been targeted by its theocracy after fleeing the country following its disputed 2009 presidential election and crackdown.

She is a prominent figure on Persian-language satellite channels that view Iran critically. She became a U.S. citizen in October 2019.

Alinejad also has been amplifying the voices of those protesting in Iran since the September death of Mahsa Amini, 22, who died after being arrested by the morality police.

The three defendants, meanwhile, are members of an Eastern European criminal organization that has ties to Iran, according to court papers.

Amirov, a leader of the group living in Iran, "was tasked" with targeting the activist by unnamed people there, the indictment states. Garland declined to give further detail on where the orders originated. Amirov turned to Omarov, who lives in Eastern Europe, and they brought in the New York-based Mehdiyev, giving him $30,000 in cash. Mehdiyev got the rifle and began watching her house in July, U.S. authorities said.

He took photos and video and thought up ways to lure her outside for more than a week, the indictment states.

But on July 28, Alinejad left her home after seeing something suspicious. When Mehdiyev tried to drive away shortly after, he was stopped by a police officer. Police found the gun, ammunition magazines, cash and a black ski mask. He was arrested on a federal firearms charge.

Whitehurst and Knickmeyer write for the Associated Press. AP writers Jon Gambrell, Alanna Durkin Richer and Jennifer Peltz contributed to this report.

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‘Don’t be intimidated. Just do your normal thing’

[**Dance,** from A1]

fear at Lai Lai Ballroom.

Resilience in the face of tragedy has been the theme at Lai Lai since the Monterey Park massacre.

Wong has been going to Lai Lai for more than 20 years, studying ballroom dance, but she started her lessons many years ago at Star Ballroom Dance Studio, switching to the Alhambra studio only when her instructor relocated to it.

She said she knew two of the people who were at Star Ballroom the night of the shooting. One escaped, but Ming Wei Ma, 72, who ran the studio and whom Wong said she knew only socially, was killed.

Lai Lai student Coco Jiang also knew Ma, whom she said she had danced with several times and described as “a very, very friendly guy.”

She said she also recognized the shooter when she saw him on the news.

“A long time ago, I saw him here ... a few years ago, before COVID-19, at a Sunday daytime party,” Jiang said. “I saw him before but never talked to him. I knew that face.”

Wong said her love of dance propelled her to get back to it, saying she wouldn’t let one random occurrence dictate her life.

“If you are not a dance enthusiast, I guess you would be afraid and stop coming for a while,” the 73-year-old said. “For people like me, I love dancing a lot, so if I feel safe, I will continue dancing. I won’t be intimidated by one event.”

The weekend’s events were a reminder for Wong that life is fragile and unpredictable — so much so that the day after the shooting, she started planning trips to places she’s wanted to visit.

Elsewhere in the ballroom Thursday, instructor Liya Kazbekova held a private lesson with a teenage student. Kazbekova, who has been an instructor with the studio for four years, was in England at a dance competition with a student when the shooting occurred.

She said she was frozen in disbelief when she learned of the tragedy. After digesting the news, her mind immediately raced to her boyfriend and dance partner, Roman Drobotov, who had been scheduled to work that Saturday afternoon at Star Ballroom.

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PEOPLE participate in a Friday afternoon Social Tea Dance at Lai Lai Ballroom & Studio in Alhambra.

IN THE WEEK since the shooting at nearby Star Ballroom Dance Studio in Monterey Park, salsa and ballroom music replaced any sense of fear at Lai Lai.

“My first thought was, ‘Oh, my gosh, he’s there.’ And I started to call him, and I think it was the scariest 20 seconds of my life because I didn’t know where he was,” Kazbekova said.

Drobotov probably would have left before the shooting, Kazbekova said. But it turned out he had canceled his workday because he had jet lag and had lost his keys, she said.

Learning her partner was safe relieved Kazbekova, but she found herself reeling again when she learned that her boss, Ma, of Star Ballroom, was among those at the studio that night.

“I didn’t know if he was fully killed or just shot,” she said. “My body was shaking. It’s a shock.”

Kazbekova, 26, said she had to collect herself quickly because her young student was about to compete.

“I had to pretend that I’m fine, so it was a hard day because my emotions were like somewhere in between,” she said. “I was trying to be with her and be fine and still smile and support her. And at the same time, I was on the phone and trying to realize what’s going on.”

Once her student’s competition was over, she said, she felt sick to her stomach as she fully processed the news. She reached out to all of her students from Lai Lai and Star Ballroom. She heard back from all but one: Mymy Nhan, who was one of the 11 people gunned down in Monterey Park. “She used to come to Lai Lai for group classes every Friday. Super sweet woman, one of the kindest,” Kazbekova said.

Though last weekend’s events still weigh heavy, Kazbekova and some of her students said they are ready to get back to dancing.

“They’re moving on with their lives, and it’s not an act of ignorance or selfishness,” she said. “It’s definitely a great act of bringing your joy and life back faster. And dancing helps a lot with that.”

Detectives are still trying to determine the movements and motives of Tran. Law enforcement sources said he was once a regular in the local ballroom dancing scene and that jealousy of some kind might have been the motive. But L.A. County Sheriff Robert Luna said at a new conference Wednesday that investigators had not made any connections between Tran and those killed.

It is also a mystery why he went to Lai Lai. But Luna said officials believe he planned a second attack.

Brandon Tsay, whose family owns the Alhambra studio and who works at the ticket office, was in the lobby looking into the studio when he heard the front door close, followed by the sound of metal clinking, he said.

“That’s when I turned around and saw there was an Asian man holding a gun,” Tsay told ABC’s “Good Morning America.” “My first thought was I was gonna die here. This was it.”

Tsay, 26, said the man appeared to be looking around the room “for targets” and “people to harm.”

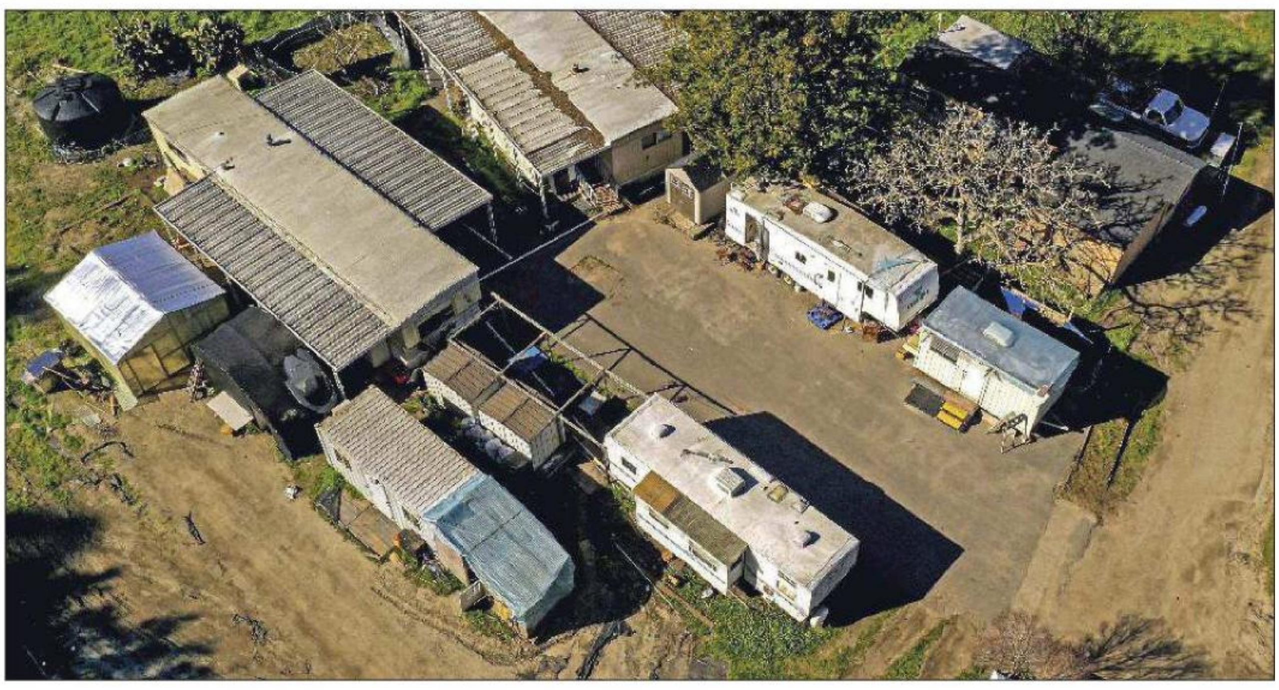
He said he lunged at the man with both hands, setting off a struggle in the lobby for control of the gun. “I needed to take this weapon, disarm him, or else everybody would have died.”

Tsay later told reporters outside his house in San Marino that he did not consider himself a hero.

On Friday, Tsay visited Lai Lai, where he greeted employees and patrons and collected gifts left for him.

Jiang, who resumed her Latin ballroom lessons on Wednesday, rushed to his side, wrapping him in an enormous hug and thanking him for what he had done.

Tough times at San Mateo farms



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MOBILE HOMES at California Terra Garden, where four farmworkers were among those killed Monday.

[**Farmworkers,** from A1]

a legacy farming community is squeezed and undercut by foreign growers that can produce the same crops for a fraction of the price, and climate change wreaks havoc on production.

“It sometimes feels like we are on a precipice,” said Veronica Mazariegos-Anastassiou, an operator of Brisa Ranch, a farm in Pescadero, a few miles south of Half Moon Bay. “Like it’s all about to fall.”

On Friday night, hundreds gathered at Mac Dutra Park in Half Moon Bay for a memorial service for the shooting victims .

Renauto Juares Perez, cousin of Jose Romero Perez, one of those slain, told the crowd in Spanish that he “felt very safe having him next to me.”

He and Servando Martinez, whose brother Marciano was killed, both thanked the people of Half Moon Bay for their support in the days since the shooting.

“He is with my parents, taking care of each one of them like he took care of us,” Martinez said.

Newsom told reporters Tuesday that workers at California Terra Garden (formerly Mountain Mushroom Farm), where four were killed in Monday’s shootings, live in shipping containers and earn $9 an hour, which he described as “simply deplorable.”

Mueller toured the site Thursday and described the workers’ living conditions as “heartbreaking.” He posted photos on Twitter showing a structure with only a corrugated plastic wall to provide shelter, unfinished floors with pieces of plywood strewn about and propane tanks tucked into the “kitchen” corner to fuel a two-burner camping stove.

California’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health and the state labor commissioner’s office are investigating working conditions in the region. Mueller said he’ll be working with San Mateo County to identify other problematic sites.

David Oates, a spokesperson hired by California Terra Garden, declined to comment on the state investigation and said Newsom’s characterization of low pay and poor living conditions for workers doesn’t “reflect the conditions at California Terra Gardens.”

Eucalyptus trees droop over the stretch of Highway 92 that connects California Terra Garden and other farms and nurseries to the town center. Along the narrow, winding road are downed tree limbs and scattered bark, a reminder of recent storms. Behind the farms’ facades, visible from the road, the occasional trailer or mobile home can be seen.

Statistics from a recent survey conducted by local organization Abundant Grace Coastside Worker and interviews with officials suggest that many farmworkers live cramped in unsuitable dwellings.

“Farms need workers, so people come here to work,” said Mazariegos-Anastassiou. “They want to work, but they can’t afford housing. So they find a way to live. There are lots of abandoned greenhouses and buildings. So they move into places that may not have running water or electricity.”

Medrano, whose 15-year-old daughter goes to school in Pescadero, stressed that like everybody else, farmworkers want stability and don’t want to move their families around.

“I would like for us to have a bigger place. I can’t afford it. So we adapt,” she said.

But she can see the tragedy that can come from living in substandard housing.

In October, two farmworkers were found dead in a Pescadero pond. Although the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office classified it as “accidental drowning,” both Mazariegos-Anastassiou and Rita Mancera, executive director of the Puente, a local advocacy organization, said the men had probably been bathing in the pond, as there are people living without access to running water.

B.J. Burns, president of the San Mateo County Farm Bureau, said he knows there are farms in the region where people are living in unsafe conditions.

“God almighty. That’s not the way agriculture operates,” Burns said. “Trust me when I’m telling you: We don’t and shouldn’t operate that way. These people are part of our family. ... I can’t see how people can treat people like this. I just don’t understand that.”

The farmworkers, farmers and community organizers said the price of land and housing has skyrocketed in recent years, as Silicon Valley billionaires have scooped up real estate along the San Mateo coast.

Real estate agent Leo Campos said lower-level tech workers — millionaires, not billionaires — started migrating to the area during the pandemic since they were able to work remotely. At a recent open house for a $2.77-million listing in Half Moon Bay, he said, 75% of the visitors worked in tech.

“The demographics are changing,” he said, adding that most are buying the properties as second or third homes and typically use them only during the summer.

“It’s driving up prices and pushing people out,” he said.

Exorbitant living costs, in combination with a struggling farming industry, have left workers worried about the future.

For decades, this was a thriving farming region where flowers, artichokes, mushrooms and other vegetables were grown. Burns said that 15 to 20 years ago, roughly 2,000 to 3,000 farmworkers were employed in the area. Now, he said, the number is between 700 and 1,000.

“Campbell’s used to have a mushroom farm here,” said Caleb Barron, owner of Pescadero’s Fogline Farm, referring to the soup company. That mushroom farm was sold and closed down in 2004, after its owners decided they were losing too much money. Two hundred jobs were lost.

In 2019, another of the region’s mainstays — Bay City Flower — closed its doors; it couldn’t compete with growers in Arizona and Latin America that operate at a fraction of the cost, Burns said. Two hundred farm jobs were lost.

“It’s cheaper to grow flowers in Latin America, even Arizona — harvest them there, chill them there and then fly them in refrigerated airplanes to the Bay Area — than it is to grow them here,” said Burns.

He said labor costs and high rents are the farming industry’s biggest burdens.

“Minimum wage is going from $15.50 to $16.50. And most people don’t understand, but we can’t pay minimum wage here. People can’t afford to live here on minimum wage. So we pay more,” he said.

Transportation is also costly. There is no distribution center in the region, meaning farmers have to truck perishable products over the mountains or up the coast to San Francisco. During wildfire and rainy seasons, roads can be closed for days.

In the most recent storms, Highway 92 — which connects Half Moon Bay to Silicon Valley — was closed for several days while workers repaired a sinkhole. Highway 1 experienced closures — both north and south — due to landslides.

Many farmworkers sat idle as fields were flooded, power outages shuttered operations and the road closures prevented movement into and out of the region.

“Lots of people are out of work right now,” said Medrano, who is without a job, though she’s hopeful that when spring comes, there will be work on the farms.

She’s eager to get paid so she can afford rent, food, transportation and her cellphone. During an interview on Thursday, she said she shakes her head when she thinks about how much celebrities earn.

“I think, how can a singer make so much money when a person — a farmworker — works so physically hard to bring food to people’s tables and makes so little,” she said. “I wish people would come and try to do the work we do. I think they would learn a lot.”

Times staff writer Salvador Hernandez contributed to this report.

National Republican chair fends off challenger

Ronna McDaniel defeats California's Harmeet Dhillon to remain RNC head.

By Seema Mehta

Jae C. Hong Associated Press

"WE'VE HEARD you, grassroots. With us united and all of us going together, the Democrats are going to hear us in 2024," Ronna McDaniel said after her reelection as Republican National Committee chair.

A feud over the Republican Party's future and its recent lackluster performance at the ballot box was decided in favor of the status quo on Friday, with Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel easily beating back an insurgent challenge from a prominent California conservative.

Harmeet Dhillon, a state party leader and San Francisco attorney whose clients include former President Trump, failed in her effort to oust McDaniel, losing a 111-51 vote at the party's winter meeting at a lush seaside resort in Dana Point.

"We've heard you, grassroots," McDaniel said after she won reelection, adding that the committee had also listened to the supporters of Dhillon and MyPillow founder Mike Lindell, who received four votes. "With us united and all of us going together, the Democrats are going to hear us in 2024."

Dhillon said afterward that although she was disappointed by the result, she hoped the party would take seriously the concerns of the grassroots activists who supported her bid.

"If we go back to our homes and ignore those messages, I think it's at our peril," she said Friday.

"I'm committed to healing and coming together with folks, but at the end of the day, if our party is perceived as totally out of touch with the grassroots — which I think some may take away from this outcome — we have some work to do."

The RNC, an insular body that operates largely outside of public view, comprises 168 committee members from across the country who wield notable power in shaping the party's agenda.

The committee is also the official fundraising arm for national Republicans, though that role is now often usurped by well-funded independent political groups. In the 2020 presidential election, the RNC spent $834 million, according to the nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks electoral finances. The committee also makes key decisions, such as determining where to hold presidential nominating conventions and crafting the party's platform.

The battle between McDaniel and Dhillon, both vocal Trump supporters, did not reflect a divide over the former president, who has announced that he plans to run in 2024 and remains an influential force in Republican politics.

Trump publicly remained neutral in the race between the two women.

However, some of his top advisors, including Kellyanne Conway, were reportedly seen at the meeting urging committee members to support McDaniel.

Country music star John Rich and unsuccessful Arizona gubernatorial candidate Kari Lake were among Dhillon's supporters at the meeting.

The leadership contest was largely a debate over the party's future after its lackluster showing in recent elections — being routed in the 2018 midterms, losing the White House in 2020 and falling short of expectations in 2022, when many analysts predicted a "red wave."

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, widely expected to run for president in 2024, pointed to those losses Thursday when he said he appreciated Dhillon's approach.

> 'My fear is that there will be consequences of us looking as though we turned a deaf ear.'
>
> — Laura Nakanelua, an RNC committeewoman from Hawaii who supported Harmeet Dhillon's leadership challenge

"I think we need a change, and I think we need to get some new blood in the RNC," he said on "The Charlie Kirk Show."

Laura Nakanelua, a committeewoman from Hawaii, said that was why she supported Dhillon's bid despite her fondness for McDaniel.

"We have fallen short over and over and over again," she said. "We're losing. We're not winning. We're going in the wrong direction."

She added that the decision to stick with McDaniel sends the wrong message about the party's priorities.

"We have continued to hear from voters, donors, grassroots people," Nakanelua said. "They have been consistent in saying, 'We're not happy with the direction you're going and we really want new leadership.' ... My fear is that there will be consequences of us looking as though we turned a deaf ear."

McDaniel's supporters said it was unfair to blame the chairwoman for electoral losses since the RNC doesn't select candidates. They pointed to her achievements during her six-year tenure.

"I opted for Ronna because she has been successful. She's raised a billion and a half dollars," said Shawn Steel, a committee member from California, adding that McDaniel had also been influential in supporting GOP congressional candidates in California, notably his wife, Rep. Michelle Steel (R-Seal Beach).

He said it was a difficult choice for him, however, because Dhillon was a good friend an a strong ally in the party.

"This is the greatest conflict I've ever had at the RNC. Nothing even close to it," Steel said.

The race had grown bitter in recent weeks, with allegations of backroom dealing over the awarding of lucrative RNC contracts and committee appointments, mudslinging about the character of the candidates' advisors, and ugly questions about Dhillon's Sikh faith. Some committee members also expressed irritation over the influx and tone of emails from Dhillon's supporters.

The committee also passed several resolutions Friday, including one written by Steel that condemned antisemitism and antisemites, including white nationalist Nick Fuentes and the rapper formerly known as Kanye West.

Man who pepper-sprayed Capitol officers gets 6 years

By Michael Kunzelman

WASHINGTON — A New Jersey man who joined a mob's attack on the U.S. Capitol was sentenced Friday to more than six years in prison for using pepper spray to assault police officers, one of whom died a day after the siege.

Julian Khater, 34, didn't mention the death of Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick or address the officer's family in a statement he read before U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan sentenced him to six years and eight months of imprisonment.

A medical examiner concluded that Sicknick, 42, had suffered two strokes before dying of natural causes a day after he and other officers tried to hold off the mob that stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Hogan said Sicknick's death was the "elephant in the room," but stressed that the coroner's report didn't give him any basis to use that as a factor in sentencing Khater. But the judge noted that Khater did not apologize to the officers or express sorrow for hurting them.

"Somewhere along the line, we've lost the sense of acceptance of responsibility," Hogan said.

Khater replied that he changed his prepared statement to the court on his lawyer's advice after he was recently named as a defendant in a civil lawsuit over his actions on Jan. 6.

"I wanted to apologize to everybody," he said.

The judge gave Khater credit for the nearly two years he has served in pretrial detention. Hogan also ordered him to pay a $10,000 fine.

Khater's friend and codefendant, George Tanios of Morgantown, W.Va., had pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges of disorderly and disruptive conduct. On Friday, Hogan sentenced Tanios, 41, to the jail time he had already served.

Dozens of police officers filled the courtroom gallery, with many others watching the proceedings on a TV in an overflow courtroom.

Tanios and Khater were not charged in Sicknick's death, but the officer's relatives believe they bear responsibility. Sicknick's mother, two brothers, a sister-in-law and his longtime girlfriend addressed the judge in court before he imposed the sentences.

"Your selfish actions have caused more pain than you could ever imagine," said an older brother, Craig Sicknick. "My family is a wreck, and none of us have been even remotely unscathed as the result of your actions that day."

Federal prosecutors had recommended a prison sentence of seven years and six months for Khater, a resident of Somerset, N.J.

The medical examiner's office in Washington determined in April 2021 that Sicknick died from natural causes after suffering two strokes near the base of his brain stem. The medical examiner also noted that Sicknick had engaged with rioters on Jan. 6 and that "all that transpired played a role in his condition," according to prosecutors.

Defense attorney Chad Seigel said the medical examiner's autopsy confirmed that Khater didn't directly or indirectly cause the officer's death.

"If there was any evidence to the contrary, they would have charged him," Seigel said.

Prosecutors said Sicknick's "tragic demise, so close in time to the traumatic events of that day, underscores the seriousness of the offense committed by Khater and his fellow rioters."

"Officer Sicknick's death should serve as a solemn reminder to Khater, and to all of the rioters who committed acts of violence against police officers on that day, that their actions contributed to immense trauma, stress and suffering for all police officers who were physically attacked at the Capitol," they wrote in a court filing.

Khater drove from New Jersey to pick up Tanios in West Virginia before driving to the Washington area on Jan. 5. They took a rideshare into the nation's capital the next morning to attend the "Stop the Steal" rally and hear then-President Trump address supporters.

Joining the crowd that marched from the rally to the Capitol, Khater and Tanios approached the Lower West Terrace. Khater became enraged when he was exposed to police chemical spray, "as if he was some innocent victim," a prosecutor, Gilead Light, told the judge.

Surveillance video shows Khater reaching inside Tanios' backpack and retrieving pepper spray that Tanios had purchased a day earlier. Video captured Tanios saying, "Hold on, hold on, not yet, not yet ... it's still early," as Khater reached into his backpack.

Several minutes later, Khater approached officers guarding a barricade and sprayed at least three of them, including Sicknick.

"He jumped into action right as the officers were at their most defenseless," Light said.

Light said the attack was premeditated, but Khater's lawyers said he didn't plan the assault.

Khater told the FBI that he and Tanios had brought bear spray and pepper spray to the rally to protect themselves.

Khater stopped spraying police after being sprayed by an officer. Police officers retreated from the Lower West Terrace after Khater's attack.

More than three hours after police cleared the Capitol of rioters, Sicknick began slurring his speech and collapsed. He remained on life support at a hospital for nearly 24 hours before he died.

Khater pleaded guilty in September to two counts of assaulting or impeding officers with a dangerous weapon. Tanios pleaded guilty in July to two misdemeanors, each of which carries a maximum sentence of one year of imprisonment.

Neither of them was accused of entering the Capitol on Jan. 6.

Tanios had operated a sandwich restaurant near West Virginia University's campus. It closed during his jail stint.

Khater has been jailed since his March 2021 arrest in Newark, N.J. He operated a health food restaurant that closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Over 100 police officers were injured at the Capitol on Jan. 6. More than 950 people have been charged with federal crimes related to the riot.

About 500 defendants have pleaded guilty, mostly to misdemeanors. Over 380 have been sentenced, with more than half getting terms ranging from seven days to 10 years.

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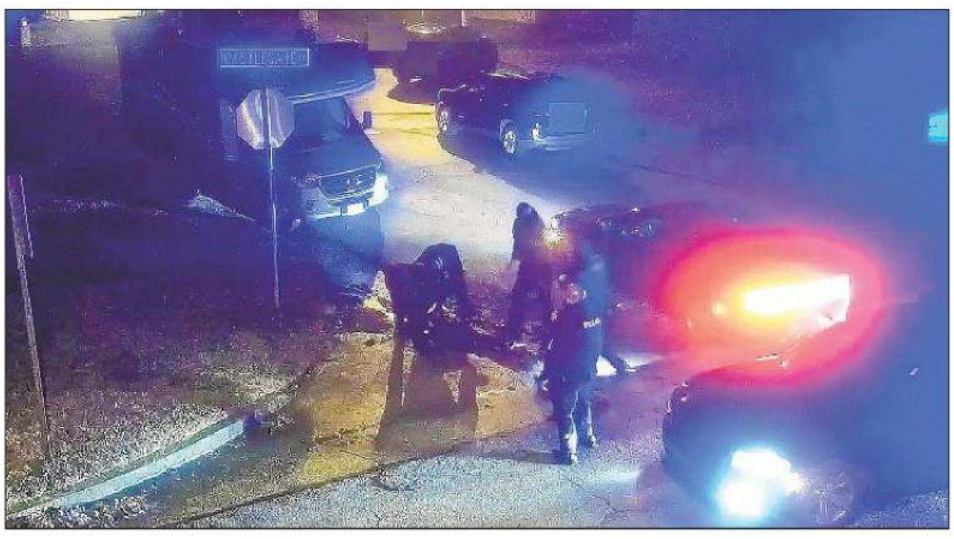
Video shows Memphis officers beating Tyre Nichols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FOOTAGE shows Tyre Nichols on the ground after police officers beat him.

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PEOPLE MARCH on a bridge Friday in Memphis after video of the police beating was released.

[**Memphis,** from A1]

"You gonna get your ass blown the f— out," one officer yells while Nichols is still in the car. Numerous officers have their guns drawn.

An officer tells Nichols to get out of the car, then drags him from the driver's seat.

"I didn't do anything," Nichols says as he is hauled from the car. "All right, I'm on the ground."

"OK. Stop," Nichols says as officers scream at him to get on the ground. "OK, dude, dang. ... You guys are really doing a lot right now. ... I can't breathe."

Nichols gets up after about 30 seconds on the ground by his car and begins to run away. An officer tries to shoot him with a Taser, though it's not clear if it hits Nichols.

Another video shows police chasing Nichols after he gets up and runs and tackling him near a curb.

Footage from the pole camera shows a subsequent interaction, after police tackle Nichols to the ground following a chase.

"Shut the f— up," one officer yells as Nichols screams from the ground.

"You want to get sprayed again?"

Nichols can be seen wiping his face after getting pepper-sprayed. When Nichols is on the ground, one officer makes the others move.

"Watch out, I'm gonna baton the f— out of you," he yells at Nichols.

Nichols gets back to his feet and is moaning as another officer punches him in the face with his left hand.

"All right, all right," Nichols says.

Nichols calls and screams for his mother throughout the encounter.

Three officers kick him and attempt to restrain him as Nichols lies on the ground by a curb.

After a few minutes of police hitting and attempting to restrain Nichols, they sit him up against a police vehicle. From there, Nichols slumps to the ground, without officers noticing for nearly a minute.

The video does not show any officer attempt to de-escalate the situation, nor does it show any officer tell another to stop attacking or restraining Nichols. It is not clear in the footage if Nichols refuses to give police his hands.

In no part of the video viewed by The Times does Nichols appear to fight back against police.

After the confrontation ends, the police officers involved in the chase and beating discuss what has just happened as they catch their breath and wipe pepper spray from their eyes. Some agree that Nichols must have been high on something. Others say he was driving into oncoming traffic when they pulled him over. They talk about their roles in the incident.

"Man, I was hitting him with straight haymakers, dog," one officer says.

Other officers say they were "rocking" Nichols but also say to one another that he was grabbing for their guns.

"He literally had his hand on my gun," one officer says.

Officers can be heard laughing as Nichols slumps to the ground from an upright position propped against the car.

"He high as a motherf—," one officer says.

"Hey sit up, bro," an officer yells at Nichols when he realizes that the man has collapsed. "Sit up, man."

The officer then lifts a limp and bloodied Nichols back into an upright position.

Before the video was released Friday, Nichols' family called for peaceful protests.

RowVaughn Wells — Nichols' mother — made the plea at a candlelight vigil Thursday in honor of her son and at a Friday news conference. Wells, who said her son's encounter with police occurred as he was returning from a public park where he enjoyed taking photos, told those at the vigil: "We want peace.

"I want each and every one of you to protest in peace. If you guys are here for me and Tyre, then you will protest peacefully," she said. Wells noted that she chose not to watch the video.

"We do not want any type of uproar, any type of disturbance. That's what [the] family wants. That's what [the] community wants. Please, please protest, but protest safely," Rodney Wells, Nichols' stepfather, said at Friday's news conference.

The couple spoke at the morning event in the airy Mt. Olive Cathedral Christian Methodist Episcopal Church on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, a prominent street in downtown Memphis on which King marched with striking sanitation workers days before his assassination in 1968.

"I want to say to the five police officers that murdered my son," RowVaughn Wells said, tearing up on the stage of the church, "you also disgraced your own families when you did this. I'm going to pray for you and your families."

Lawyers for the Nichols family have compared the video to footage of the 1991 Rodney King beating, but in higher definition.

"This is far worse than Rodney King," said Ed Obayashi, a Northern California sheriff's deputy and use-of-force expert. "In all my years of use-of-force cases, I have never [seen] one where they are holding him up to beat him."

Responses by politicians began pouring in Friday evening, with President Biden saying he was "outraged and deeply pained to see the horrific video of the beating that resulted in Tyre Nichols' death."

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass criticized the officers seen in the footage.

"Tonight, we saw ferocious violence from an out of control herd," Bass said in a statement. "No words can express the chilling familiarity of a Black man crying out for his mother as he is beaten to death by officers."

The death of Nichols comes after the Memphis Police Department, like many nationwide, enacted reforms after the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis in May 2020.

Memphis police adopted reforms such as requiring its officers to intervene if they witnessed misconduct or excessive force by their colleagues — following a model set by a nationwide police reform initiative called 8 Can't Wait, according to UCLA law professor Joanna Schwartz, who studies police accountability.

With the Nichols beating, the country could be "headed into another moment of reckoning just a few years after George Floyd's murder," Schwartz said.

She said she was surprised by the speed with which the officers involved were fired and charged, calling it "very unusual for these kind of cases. Officers are really rarely disciplined or, even more rarely, criminally prosecuted."

"The Police Department is acting uncharacteristically for any law enforcement agency, uncharacteristically quickly, to have fired the officers," Schwartz said.

The release of the video put police in Memphis and across the country on notice for protests.

In New York City, hundreds of protesters gathered in Times Square. Three people were arrested around 9 p.m. in Midtown Manhattan on suspicion of causing damage to a police vehicle, said a New York Police Department spokesman.

"My message to New Yorkers is to respect the wishes of Mr. Nichols' mother," New York Mayor Eric Adams said. "If you need to express outrage, do so peacefully."

In downtown Los Angeles, about 100 people gathered outside LAPD headquarters to hold a candlelight vigil for Nichols and Keenan Anderson, who died this month after L.A. police pinned him to the ground and discharged a Taser on him at least six times in 42 seconds.

The group burned sage and hung signs calling for abolishing police over barricades the Los Angeles Police Department had set up.

After the vigil, officers in riot gear assembled as a small group knocked over the metal barricades and marched into a plaza outside the police headquarters lobby.

Under "Los Angeles Police Department" on the side of the building, someone spray-painted in red the word "kills."

By 10:15 p.m., the crowd had shrunk to about 30 people as insults and smoke of indeterminate provenance filled the air.

Some demonstrators shook and banged on a police car with an officer sitting inside.

Activists on the ground in Memphis expressed frustration with speculation that the city would erupt in chaos after the release of the video, saying the brutal imagery should instead spark questions about the policing culture fostered by Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland and Police Chief Cerelyn Davis.

"I think my biggest quarrel with messaging is this anticipation for a riot versus the hard questions that should be asked to the mayor and the police chief," said Keedran Franklin, the cofounder of the Memphis Coalition of Concerned Citizens, who also organizes with the national group Black Men Build.

"No one has ever seen Memphis go up in flames. We've had major protests here," Franklin said. "We don't get violent."

Large-scale protests that some feared could spring up never materialized in Memphis. Downtown businesses mostly remained open Friday, though a few stores closed early in light of the video's release. People were eating at restaurants, and a few shops were boarded up.

When the video was released, a group of more than 100 protesters began marching from Martyrs Park, just south of downtown Memphis. Some clutched homemade signs demanding justice. Familiar chants of "No justice, no peace" roared from the crowd as they marched onto Riverside Drive.

Protesters held court on a section of Highway 55. The demonstrations were peaceful, even as several speakers signaled their intent to defy any law enforcement efforts to clear the highway until their demands were met. Police mostly kept their distance.

The blues clubs that line popular Beale Street were packed with patrons.

Protesters reached the bridge that spans the Mississippi River between Tennessee and Arkansas, then turned back and began heading toward Martyrs Park.

Standing off to the side was a man with his family, including three young children.

The man, who declined to give his name, said he felt compelled to attend the rally because he lived in the area and felt solidarity with those calling for change.

"Sometimes it takes more than talking to be heard," the man told The Times.

Jany reported from Memphis. Goldberg and Queally reported from Los Angeles. Times staff writers Richard Winton and Alexandra E. Petri contributed to this report.

Fatal attack revives criticism of 'SCORPION' anti-crime unit

Memphis police chief defends squad that activists accuse of a pattern of abuse.

By Noah Goldberg, James Queally and Libor Jany

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MEMPHIS RESIDENT Cornell Walker says that undercover police officers in an unmarked vehicle pulled him over, threatening to kill him and his friend.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — In early 2022, as violent crime rose in Memphis, Mayor Jim Strickland set out his ideas for returning safety to the city.

At the top of his plan: Increase funding to the Memphis Police Department, give raises and bonuses to officers, and continue the usage of the city's newly formed "SCORPION" unit, a specialized group of four roving 10-person teams that use data to target high-crime neighborhoods in the Tennessee city with the goal of addressing homicides and other violent crime.

In just a few months, Strickland said the unit had made 566 arrests and seized more than 250 weapons.

But the quick-strike unit that received his plaudits almost exactly one year ago is now under review by the police chief since five of the 40 officers belonging to SCORPION were charged with murder in the Jan. 7 beating of Tyre Nichols, who died days later. The SCORPION unit — which stands for Street Crimes Operation to Restore Peace in Our Neighborhoods — has reportedly been inactive since the violent encounter.

The alleged killing by SCORPION officers — and the Friday release of the video detailing the beating of Nichols — has reinvigorated critiques of specialized anti-crime teams across the country and could result in SCORPION disbanding.

"From Baltimore to Chicago and D.C., units like the SCORPION unmarked cars — regardless of what the units are named — cause terror in minority communities," said the attorneys for Nichols' family, Benjamin Crump and Antonio Romanucci, in a letter to the Memphis Police Department calling for the unit to be disbanded.

Activists and defense attorneys in Memphis said the SCORPION unit is notoriously violent and known for targeting impoverished areas.

"They essentially prey on low-income Memphians," said Amber Sherman, an organizer with the Black Lives Matter Memphis chapter.

The SCORPION unit was created as Memphis was going through a particularly disturbing rise in homicides.

The city logged 342 killings in 2021, the most in its history. The SCORPION unit was implemented in October of that year.

At the time, law enforcement officials called the unit essential to fight out-of-control crime.

"It is important to us that each member of the community feels like they can go to the grocery store or live in their house without their house being shot, or the shootings that are frequently occurring on the streets and in the roadways. So, for that reason we launched the SCORPION unit," Assistant Chief Shawn Jones said when the unit was started in 2021.

In an interview Friday with NBC, Memphis Chief of Police Cerelyn Davis defended the unit while assailing the five officers as rogue agents.

"They [the SCORPION unit members] were able to last year actually help us reduce our crime. Unfortunately, this incident clouds all of what has happened and some of the good work that other officers have done," Davis said in the interview.

Critics are blaming SCORPION members for various abuses.

Just days before the violent arrest of Nichols, Memphis resident Cornell Walker said he was accosted by a group of SCORPION officers that included some of those who are now charged in Nichols' death.

Walker said that when he and his friend, who were sitting in the friend's car, were first approached by the officers, they believed they were being targeted by "young guys" who wanted to steal the car. Walker said he saw Officer Emmitt Martin III step out of an unmarked police vehicle.

"'I need to see your motherf— hands or I'll blow your motherf— heads off,'" Walker said Martin screamed at him and his friend. Walker did not realize they were police at first, until he saw their badges and the word "SCORPION" on the back of their shirts.

Martin came over to their car and pulled Walker out, pointing a gun at his head from a foot away, Walker told The Times. The officer took him to the police car, where the other officers had guns out. Walker says he saw Martin, Justin Smith and Demetrius Haley on the scene — three of the cops charged in the Nichols case.

"I said I just came over here to get a pizza," Walker said. "He [Martin] didn't ever give a reason of why he pulled up on the car."

Neither Walker nor his friend was arrested in the incident, Walker said.

Walker was so disturbed by his experience that he called the Memphis Police Department's Internal Affairs Unit the next day, according to cellphone records shared with The Times. He said a sergeant disregarded his complaint.

"He [the sergeant] kept justifying it. I was pulled out at gunpoint. With these people dressed as undercover cops. How am I supposed to feel? I didn't even know they were police," Walker said. "I felt like [what happened to Nichols] was preventable.... If Internal Affairs had taken action it could've prevented it from happening, I believe."

Johnny Graham, a 50-year-old Memphis resident, recalled his run-ins with the SCOPRION unit, whose members he said had gone out of their way to pull him over on several occasions.

"They feel like they have the right to pull you over for no reason at all," said Graham, recalling one such traffic stop in East Memphis.

After being stopped by an unmarked police squad, Graham said he and his wife suffered the indignity of having to stand by and watch as officers searched his car, in full view of passing motorists.

"We've been telling y'all this all the time. Why did it take somebody getting killed" for people to take notice? Graham asked.

Far from being "bad apples" in the department, he said, the fact that the officers were "comfortable" using such force in front of their colleagues suggested that the problem went deeper than one unit, he said.

"Them officers didn't just get up that morning and say, 'You know what, I'm just going to throw all that training I've been getting out the window.' No, they've been doing this," he said.

Josh Spickler, a former public defender and cofounder of the criminal justice advocacy group Just City, said Memphis recently reduced the amount of time officers must have served on the force to join the SCORPION unit. He noted that all five officers charged in Nichols' death had less than five years on the job — evidence, he said, that the specialized unit is poorly disciplined.

Spickler also criticized the police chief, saying she should be held accountable for "the large role that policy and directives played in this death."

Jany reported from Memphis and Goldberg and Queally from Los Angeles.

BUSINESS

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PRESIDENT BIDEN drives a Cadillac Lyriq at the 2022 Detroit Auto Show. Under EPA rules, the GM vehicle is considered an SUV and could qualify for $7,500 in tax credits. No such luck under the IRS interpretation.

Is it a car or is it an SUV? EV tax credits are at stake

With EPA and IRS at odds over definitions, GM pushes for easier eligibility criteria.

By David Welch, Gabrielle Coppola and Keith Laing

General Motors has taken a central role in pushing the Treasury Department to change how the government defines a sport utility vehicle and expand how many buyers can get electric-vehicle tax credits under President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act.

Billions of dollars in EV incentives over the next decade are at stake as the government and companies hash out final rules, expected in March. At the center of the debate is this question: What's a car and what's an SUV? That's because SUVs costing up to $80,000 can get $7,500 in tax credits, whereas passenger car buyers get nothing if the vehicle costs more than $55,000.

Adding to the complexity is that the Internal Revenue Service, which is currently writing regulations for the tax credits, has a more narrow SUV definition than the Environmental Protection Agency. GM and other automakers are lobbying for the EPA's broader definition to dictate who can get tax breaks for buying EVs.

"It's going to be really important for us and our competitors to get clarity on the car-versus-truck SUV definition," said Chris Feuell, head of Stellantis' Chrysler brand. "There are a lot of very aggressive, low-emission vehicle targets that are in place across the country."

The definitions are subjective due to the boom in the last couple of decades in crossover vehicles, which have blurred the line between traditional sedans and SUVs.

If the EPA designations are used, GM's new $63,000 Cadillac Lyriq would be considered an SUV and get up to $7,500 in credits. But the current IRS interpretation lists the Lyriq as a car, so buyers would get nothing even though the vehicle and its battery are built in the U.S.

GM calls the Lyriq an SUV because it rides higher off the ground than Cadillac sedans and meets the size and weight specs under EPA rules. The Internal Revenue Service sees it differently, listing the vehicle as a car because it doesn't have a third row of seats.

The Treasury Department declined to comment. The administration's spin on the rules follows a goal set by the Biden administration to have half of the vehicles sold in the U.S. be electric by 2030, which the White House has said will help reduce emissions.

Ford Motor has a similar issue with its electric Mustang Mach-E. The vehicle is designated as a passenger car, so the base model — starting at $47,000 — would qualify, but other versions can cost more than $70,000 and would not.

Tesla's Model Y, which the company markets as a midsize SUV, gets a passenger car designation with two rows of seats but gets to be an SUV for versions that have three rows. The company has slashed prices on its vehicles, getting all but its most expensive models under limits to qualify customers for credits.

Other makers such as Volkswagen have models — such as its ID.4 electric wagon — that are caught in the complexities of the regulations, which consider whether a car has all-wheel drive to determine SUV status.

How the rules are finalized has huge consequences for automakers, which plan to build hundreds of different EV models by the end of this decade.

John Bozzella, chief executive of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, an industry lobbying group, agrees with GM that the IRS should use the existing EPA classifications, which would give more vehicles tax credit eligibility and get more people buying EVs.

"If it looks like an SUV and drives like an SUV, it is an SUV. And it should get the EV tax credit," Bozzella said in a blog post.

But one of Biden's strategies going back to his campaign platform was to make EV credits based on income and vehicle price so that government money wouldn't be used to help wealthy buyers get new vehicles.

Sen. Joe Manchin III (D-W.Va.), who helped craft the law's EV credits to make sure the vehicles and their batteries are built in the U.S. with materials from free-trade partners, has grown impatient with how long the Treasury Department is taking to finalize rules. He is also critical of how much lobbying is being done to increase spending.

"I had a hard time understanding why the automotive industry needed it so desperately because people were willing to wait a year to get the product," Manchin said during Senate debate this week.

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SEC reviews Musk's claims on Autopilot

U.S. regulators probe Tesla chief's role in shaping expectations of self-driving tech.

By Lydia Beyoud

U.S. regulators are investigating Elon Musk's role in shaping Tesla's self-driving car claims, the latest effort by watchdogs to scrutinize the actions of the world's second-richest person.

It is part of an ongoing Securities and Exchange Commission review of the company's statements about its Autopilot driver-assistance system, according to a person with knowledge of the matter who asked not to be identified discussing aspects of the investigation that haven't been disclosed.

Because Musk is Tesla's chief executive, the veracity of his comments carries particular heft under the agency's rules. The SEC declined to comment. Musk and his attorney Alex Spiro didn't respond to requests for comment.

Musk is already clashing with the SEC on several fronts. But the regulator's Autopilot review directly touches on a business priority that Musk has singled out as crucial to Tesla's future.

SEC officials are weighing whether Musk may have inappropriately made forward-looking statements, said the person. An investigation by the agency's enforcement unit doesn't always lead to consequences, but it can result in lawsuits, fines or other civil penalties for companies and executives.

It couldn't be determined specifically which of Musk's statements or activities about Autopilot have gained the attention of the SEC.

Musk has focused for years on Tesla's driver-assistance technology. He personally directed the creation of a 2016 video that may have exaggerated the technology's capabilities. The video's promises of eventual fully autonomous, hands-free driving functionality have yet to materialize.

In a behind-the-scenes glimpse into Musk's thinking about the Autopilot video, he told the Tesla staff in internal emails in 2016: "I will be telling the world that this is what the car *will* be able to do, not that it can do this upon receipt."

Tesla beats out its competitors on self-driving vehicles because "the car is upgradeable to autonomy," Musk said during a Twitter Spaces conversation in December. "That's something that no other car company can do," he added.

Tesla is also facing scrutiny from safety watchdogs over its automated-driving systems and is poised for its first jury trial over a driver fatality blamed on Autopilot. The U.S. Justice Department has also been looking into whether the electric-car maker's public comments about the feature have been misleading.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has two active investigations into whether Autopilot is defective. The agency upgraded the first — focused on how Tesla Autopilot handles crash scenes with first responder vehicles — in June. It initiated the other probe — pertaining to sudden braking — four months earlier.

Musk has been fighting the SEC for years over fallout from his infamous tweet that he had secured funding to take Tesla private.

He defended that 2018 missive this week in court in San Francisco, where investors have alleged that he committed securities fraud. Musk said he believed at the time that he had financial backing from wealthy investors and the Saudi government.

Tesla stock rose 11% on Friday, extending its increase this year to 44% amid optimism the worst is over for the company. The stock fell 65% last year, partly fueled by concern that Musk would be distracted by his purchase of Twitter.

Musk is worth $155.7 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Beyoud writes for Bloomberg.

A dreaded worker evaluation system

Ranking employees on a bell curve leads to anxiety and toxic conditions, critics say.

By Matthew Boyle

Workers have plenty to fret about these days — layoffs, return-to-office mandates, annual evaluations. But there's another concern lurking, one that's rooted in the bygone era of Ronald Reagan and oversized blazers: stacked performance rankings.

Popularized by former General Electric Chief Executive Jack Welch in the 1980s, this evaluation process requires managers to grade staff on a bell curve and give low ratings to a certain share of them.

It's relevant again after a manager at video game developer Blizzard Entertainment departed for refusing to fill a quota by giving a low evaluation to an employee who he felt didn't deserve it. Blizzard, a unit of Activision Blizzard, says the process was designed to facilitate honest feedback and improve performance.

But it also creates workplaces as toxic as a 1980s Superfund site. Stacked rankings can pit employees against one another, giving managers like the one at Blizzard the difficult task of telling hard-working, valuable employees that they simply aren't good enough.

There have been dozens of research papers on stacked rankings, also called forced rankings. They've found that while the process can boost productivity in the short term, it chills collaboration and creates a dysfunctional, stressful, top-down work environment that could "cripple the company."

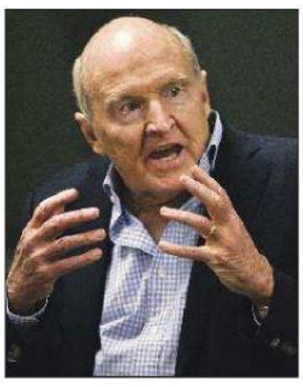
The blue-chip companies that have ditched the system include Ford Motor, Capital One Financial and Microsoft — which is now trying to acquire Activision Blizzard.

"Managers need to focus on building trust, not leading by fear," said Victor Assad, a workplace consultant, adding that stacked rankings can also lead to additional legal costs for employers.

Nevertheless, the system persists, and is used by Amazon.com, the nation's second-biggest private employer.

At Blizzard, known for games including "World of Warcraft," managers were expected to give a poor "developing" designation to roughly 5% of employees on their teams, which would lower the workers' bonuses and could hamper them from advancing.

Stacked-ranking systems can also require the lowest-ranked people on a team to be laid off, which Welch, who died in 2020, famously said was "the right thing for them" as they'd probably get axed later on anyway.



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GE'S JACK WELCH popularized the practice.

The catch is that it's very possible for someone to be rated as a good performer, but rank in the bottom 5% or 10% if their peers are exceptional. Likewise, a poorly performing employee could avoid the ax by working in a group of laggards. That's according to Dick Grote, a now-retired management advisor who literally wrote the book on forced rankings in 2005 and has advised organizations including Citigroup, PepsiCo's Frito-Lay division and Caterpillar.

"The problem here is that Blizzard Entertainment and their performance management system mixes the two approaches," Grote said by email. "They're using absolute comparison terms to make a relative comparison judgement."

That approach is what led to the Blizzard manager leaving. In a Twitter thread detailing his departure, the manager called the quota system "toxic." The thread generated dozens of supportive responses, including one that called stacked ranking "both immoral and ineffective."

Grote disagrees, saying Blizzard's approach was flawed but could be corrected.

Plenty of top executives defend the practice. Ben Zweig, CEO of workforce intelligence firm Revelio Labs, said relative comparisons prevent the "very common pattern" of giving high ratings to most every employee.

"There are plenty of reasons why companies benefit from knowing who is doing well and who is not," and those reasons go beyond targeted layoffs, he said. "Companies can use this data to discover deeper truths about their workforce."

But few companies have the time, money or inclination to seek those deeper truths. Which leaves us with a more superficial truth: Watch your back, because you might get stacked.

Boyle writes for Bloomberg.

Amazon to charge for Prime grocery orders under $150

By Matt Day

Amazon.com will start charging fees to online shoppers for grocery orders of less than $150, underscoring the challenging economics of getting food to shoppers' doorsteps.

The new fees, which take effect Feb. 28, coincide with the company's efforts to cut costs and adjust to slower growth in online shopping.

Charges for the Amazon Fresh grocery delivery service in the U.S. will be $9.95 for orders of less than $50, $6.95 for orders between $50 and $100, and $3.95 for orders of $100 to $150, the Seattle-based company said in an email to shoppers.

Amazon had previously offered free grocery delivery for orders of more than $35 to subscribers of the company's $139-a-year Prime program in some locations. Members can still get free delivery if their carts total more than $150.

The company in 2021 eliminated a prior offer of free delivery for Whole Foods Market shoppers, tacking on a $9.95 service fee.

"We're introducing a service fee on some Amazon Fresh delivery orders to help keep prices low in our online and physical grocery stores as we better cover grocery delivery costs and continue to enable offering a consistent, fast, and high-quality delivery experience," Lara Hendrickson, an Amazon spokesperson, said in an emailed statement.

"We will continue to offer convenient two-hour delivery windows for all orders, and customers in some areas will be able to select a longer delivery window for a reduced fee," he said.

Groceries are the most frequent shopping trip for most households. Amazon has long been working to crack that market, following in the footsteps of rival Walmart Inc., which grew into the largest U.S. retailer in part by adding groceries to its supercenters.

Amazon started selling groceries online in 2007. A decade later, it bought Whole Foods to jump-start its efforts. Amazon tacked on home delivery from Whole Foods shelves, but the partnership has delivered mixed results to date.

The company also operates the chain of Amazon Fresh-branded grocers, opening dozens of stores around the U.S.

Amazon and Whole Foods account for about 4% of the U.S. grocery market, analysts with UBS said in a research note, making the company the nation's fifth-largest food retailer, behind Walmart, Kroger, Costco Wholesale and Albertsons. Walmart accounts for 22% of the market, the UBS analysts estimate.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Wall Street closes another winning week for stocks; AmEx, Tesla among big gainers

By Stan Choe
and Damian J. Troise

Seth Wenig Associated Press

THE S&P 500 has rallied through January on growing belief that inflation is on a steady downswing. Above, traders at the New York Stock Exchange in December.

A strong week for Wall Street closed out with modest gains Friday, sending the stock market to its highest level since early December.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.2% to clinch its third winning week in the last four and was near its highest level since the summer, before fading at the end of the day. It has rallied through January on growing belief that inflation is on a steady downswing, hopefully leading to less pressure on the economy and markets.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 28 points, or 0.1%, while the Nasdaq composite gained 0.9%.

Helping to lead the way was American Express, which jumped 10.5% despite reporting weaker profit and revenue for the latest quarter than expected. It gave a forecast for earnings through 2023 that topped Wall Street's expectations and announced a planned increase to its dividend.

Another big gain for Tesla's stock also supported the market. It rose 11% after its stronger-than-expected profit report for the end of 2022, released earlier in the week.

They helped offset a 6.4% loss for Intel after a jarring warning from the chipmaker. Not only did its revenue and earnings fall short of expectations last quarter, it also gave a forecast for revenue this quarter that was more than $2 billion short of analysts' expectations.

All told, the S&P 500 rose 10.13 points to 4,070.56. The Dow climbed 28.67 points to 33,978.08, and the Nasdaq gained 109.30 points to close at 11,621.71.

Hasbro fell 8.1% after saying it "underperformed" in the most recent holiday shopping season and will probably report a 17% drop in revenue for the fourth quarter. The company will cut about 1,000 jobs to reduce costs.

So far, the job market has remained remarkably resilient despite a slowing overall economy. Almost all of the high-profile layoff announcements have been within the tech industry, which had raced to expand after the pandemic sent demand for technology soaring.

Earnings reporting season is entering its heart, and companies have been offering mixed results and forecasts. That has helped lead to some big swings in markets.

Two competing big ideas have been sending Wall Street veering up, down and back again recently. On one hand are worries about a steep drop-off in profits and a severe recession for the economy after all the interest rate increases the Fed has pushed through to crush inflation. On the other are hopes that cooling inflation may allow the Fed to take it easier on rates.

The market is partly trying to reconcile with the notion that weak earnings and a drop in demand may be necessary for inflation to keep cooling, said Keith Buchanan, portfolio manager at Globalt Investments.

"It's kind of like this is the medicine the economy has to take," he said.

Economic reports on Friday backed up recent data points suggesting inflation continues to moderate. The measure that the Fed prefers, which strips out food and energy costs, was 4.4% higher in December than a year earlier. That was down from 4.7% in November and was equal to economists' expectations.

Reports also showed that income growth for Americans slowed in December, while consumer spending fell off a bit faster than expected.

A separate report said U.S. consumers are also downshifting their expectations for inflation in the coming year. That's key for the Fed, which wants to avoid a vicious cycle in which households expecting high inflation make moves that only make it worse.

Economists said Friday's data probably keep the Fed on track to raise its key benchmark rate by 0.25 of a percentage point at its meeting next week.

That would be a step down from its increase of 0.50 of a point last month and four straight hikes of 0.75 of a point before that.

Smaller increases would mean less added pressure on the economy, which has already seen damage done to the housing industry and other areas because of last year's surge in rates.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury, which sets rates for mortgages and other important loans, held steady at 3.51%. The two-year yield, which moves more on expectations for Fed actions, held at 4.19%.

Next week could be another busy one for markets, with several high-profile events on top of the Fed's announcement.

The European Central Bank will give its latest decision on rates, the U.S. government will release its latest monthly check on the job market and more than 100 companies in the S&P 500 will report their quarterly results.

In stock markets overseas, India's Sensex fell 1.5% as Adani Group was again hit by heavy selling.

Shares in seven Adani companies have plunged this week, wiping out billions of dollars in market value, after short-selling firm Hindenburg Research said it was betting against the conglomerate, which has holdings in energy, data transmission, construction and other major industries.

Adani Group said it was considering legal action against Hindenburg after its allegations of stock market manipulation and accounting fraud.

Choe and Troise write for the Associated Press. AP writers Yuri Kageyama and Matt Ott contributed to this report.

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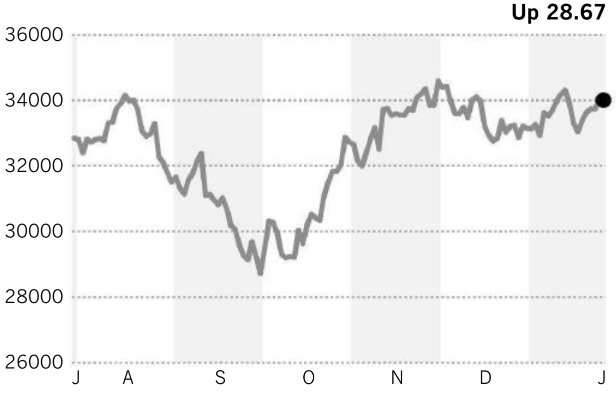

Major stock indexes

Index	Close	Daily change	Daily % change	YTD % change
Dow industrials	33,978.08	+28.67	+0.08	+2.51
S&P 500	4,070.56	+10.13	+0.25	+6.02
Nasdaq composite	11,621.71	+109.30	+0.95	+11.04
S&P 400	2,619.47	+9.53	+0.37	+7.78
Russell 2000	1,911.46	+8.40	+0.44	+8.53
EuroStoxx 50	4,175.80	+2.70	+0.06	+10.11
Nikkei (Japan)	27,382.56	+19.81	+0.07	+4.94
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	22,688.90	+122.12	+0.54	+14.70

Interest rates

Treasuries	Yield	Weekly change	6 month change	1 year change
T-bill: 1 year	4.68	-0.02	+1.68	+3.93
T-note: 5 year	3.62	+0.06	+0.80	+2.01
T-note: 10 years	3.51	+0.03	+0.77	+1.74
T-bond: 30 years	3.63	-0.02	+0.62	+1.55

Bank & mortgage rates	Rate	Week ago	6 months ago	1 year ago
6 Month CD	1.83	1.83	1.80	0.72
1 Year CD	2.35	2.35	2.32	1.14
2 Year CD	2.46	2.45	2.45	1.36
30 Year Fixed	6.45	6.37	6.61	5.40
15 Year Fixed	5.63	5.62	5.97	4.71
30 Year Jumbo	6.52	6.44	6.87	5.38

Commodities

Commodity: Unit	Delivery date	Close in $	Weekly change	1 year change
Oil: Barrel	Mar 23	79.68	-1.63	-7.14
Gold Ounce	Jan 23	1,928.60	+2.20	+143.70
Silver Ounce	Jan 23	23.53	-0.30	+1.23

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OP-ED

Can we get justice for Tyre Nichols and other victims of police abuse?

Ending qualified immunity for officers against civil lawsuits is one way to reduce misconduct

By Joanna Schwartz

On Jan. 7, Memphis police officers stopped 29-year-old Tyre Nichols for a traffic violation and then beat him so viciously that he was hospitalized and died three days later.

Memphis, Tenn., Police Chief Cerelyn Davis has called the beating "heinous, reckless, and inhumane" and fired the five officers involved.

On Thursday, the district attorney announced that the officers had been arrested and charged with second-degree murder. Late Friday, the city released video of the horrific beating.

Less than three years after George Floyd was murdered, there are hauntingly familiar calls for justice for Tyre Nichols. We have been here far too many times before.

Reports of people beaten and killed by police have periodically put the failures of our criminal justice system on the front pages of newspapers. In response, legislative committees have held hearings. Reports have been issued, documenting racist policing, unlawful arrests and excessive force. Reforms have been put into place. Then, invariably, the country's attention has been drawn elsewhere and the conversation has gone quiet.

When the world watched Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin murder Floyd, the conversation began anew. In some ways, it felt different this time around. Police chiefs condemned Floyd's killing. Protests were larger and more diverse than ever before. Important reforms got traction at the federal, state and local levels.

But then the nation's sense of urgency began to slip: Protests died down; proposed reforms were voted down; Black Lives Matter murals painted in bright colors on city streets began to fade. Despite unprecedented attention paid to police misconduct and violence in 2020, police killed more people in 2022 than they had in any year since experts began tracking these killings.

Now we are poised for yet another painful reckoning.

In the weeks after Floyd was murdered, calls for reform focused on ending a legal protection for police called "qualified immunity." Officers are entitled to qualified immunity — which shields them from liability in civil cases — even if they have violated the Constitution, so long as they have not violated "clearly established law."

The Supreme Court has defined clearly established law in such a narrow way that officers have been granted qualified immunity even when they have stolen more than $225,000 during a search, used a police dog to assault a man who had surrendered and sat on a man's neck and back until he died. Although some large cities and counties pay tens of millions each year to resolve misconduct lawsuits against their officers, these and many other horrific cases have been dismissed on qualified immunity grounds.

After Floyd's murder, Congress and many states took up legislation that would in effect end qualified immunity. But union officials and other defenders of the status quo argued passionately against them, claiming that police officers and local governments would be bankrupted for reasonable mistakes without qualified immunity.

There is no evidence to support such claims.

Officers wouldn't be bankrupted without qualified immunity; local governments almost always pick up the tab when their officers are sued, and these payouts amount to less than 1% of most governments' budgets.

And the Supreme Court's interpretation of the 4th Amendment further shields officers from liability when they make reasonable mistakes.

But, in many places, the fears stoked by opponents of these reform bills have proved more powerful than facts on the ground.

Currently, several states, including New York, Washington and New Hampshire, have reintroduced police reform bills. I testified in favor of Washington's bill this week and listened as opponents of the bill raised the same groundless concerns that have led to other bills' defeat.

The killing of Nichols should serve as a reminder of what is at stake in the continuing debate about police violence and reform. It's not the phantom menace of more lawsuits against the police, but how our society allows these horrible injustices to happen again and again and what we owe to victims of government misconduct and abuse.

Ending qualified immunity won't end all the problems in policing — far from it. There are many other legal protections shielding law enforcement officers from justice in the courts and from discipline and termination by their departments.

We also need to ask broader questions about what we empower police to do, and how to restore trust between law enforcement and communities they serve.

But for now, eliminating qualified immunity is an important first step, given the egregious misconduct it protects.

I'd hoped that we wouldn't have to see another killing on a viral video to restart the national conversation about police reform. Yet here we are. This time, we must focus on facts, not fearmongering.

Myths about the dangers of making it too easy to sue police have made a mess of our system. We need a shared understanding of why officers must be held accountable for their actions, and a commitment to end senseless legal protections that embolden police and leave victims without a meaningful remedy.

Joanna Schwartz is a law professor at UCLA and the author of the forthcoming book "Shielded: How the Police Became Untouchable."

Allen J. Schaben Los Angeles Times

A CHILD is carried as mourners take part in a vigil Monday for the victims of the mass shooting at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio in Monterey Park.

LETTER FROM...

Our children can handle mass shootings. And that's a shame

For anyone worried about how children handle mass shootings like the one a week ago in Monterey Park, I have an answer: Probably better than American children of any previous generation.

That shooting, like those recently in Goshen and Half Moon Bay, wasn't at a school. Using the grim calculus of American gun culture, that fact might put them a notch below Uvalde and Newtown on the mass shooting horror scale. This may be callous, but it's the kind of assessment that happens in a country where there are more mass shootings in a year than days.

For those of us who live in the neighborhood, the Lunar New Year's Eve killings affected every institution in the community. My children attend school in the Alhambra Unified School District, which also serves Monterey Park, the city to Alhambra's south — and is also working-class and majority Asian.

The schools here handled the trauma of the tragedy sensitively in a way that only a parent living in a country with more guns than people can appreciate. On Sunday, hours after the shooting, the AUSD superintendent emailed parents a statement that expressed sadness and condolences, and also dispensed practical advice for talking to children about grief and the attack: Don't let the news do the talking, and ask children to share their thoughts with you. It also reminded parents who own guns that state law requires them to store their weapons safely.

It was refreshingly utilitarian. Mass shootings, both in school and in the community, are common enough that we need a to-do list. The superintendent's note felt like the educational equivalent of "news you can use."

Still, something about the district's letter didn't sit right. So I sent it to two of my cousins in Oslo, Norway, who have children similar in age to mine, and asked them what they thought. Their responses were what you might expect in a country that had a total of *seven* firearm homicides in 2021.

One wrote back: "We have never gotten a letter like this. And I can't imagine ever being sent a letter like this."

The other: "I'm shocked! No. I have never received a letter about something like this."

This reflects the high price that only we in America pay for firearm freedom: No matter where you stand on the 2nd Amendment or how it's applied, you cannot deny the reality of children growing up with mass shootings as a routine part of life.

The way I talked about earthquake drills and my parents recall hiding under desks to prepare for World War III, my children talk about "lockdown drills." They know to keep utterly silent when their teacher shuts off the light, locks the door and covers the door window with a map or seating chart or any opaque material that will block a killer's view inside. Kids in the bathroom can't lock their doors, so they know to crouch on a toilet seat and hope a gunman doesn't check the stalls.

Where children know to follow orders, teachers think of ways to improvise. Some educators have been forced to think about how many first-graders can cram inside a closet long enough to hide from a killer.

"When we are in the closet, we sit and I tell them we're playing a version of hide-and-seek," one teacher wrote in a letter to The Times, after the shooting in Uvalde, Texas, last May. "When they ask why are we practicing this drill, I tell them it's because we don't want whatever bad is happening outside to get into our 'safe' classroom."

This week, my children say their teachers and friends have talked about the tragedy in class and on the playground. They're aware that the dance studio on Garfield Avenue in Alhambra, where Brandon Tsay heroically disarmed the gunman, isn't far from our neighborhood. And they've assured me how well they've been taught in class to hide if the next shooting is on their campus.

In other words, they can handle this. That they will need to is distressing, too.

—Paul Thornton,
letters editor

LETTERS

Robert Gauthier Los Angeles Times

SOLAR FARMS surround an alfalfa field in the Imperial Valley, called the nation's "salad bowl."

Growing solar in the Imperial Valley

Re "The switch to solar," Jan. 22

Thanks to reporter Sammy Roth for his excellent piece on repurposing vast Imperial Valley farms for solar energy generation.

For those not familiar with the challenges we face on a warming planet, Roth has provided up close and personal perspectives about farmers losing water and crops, cities growing despite diminishing resources, and the folly of those who promised Colorado River water to everyone without understanding the eventual consequences.

I encourage climate science skeptics to read this and give more serious thought to our situation. We can solve this, but it'll take many decades.

In the meantime things will get worse. There will be more lost farm acreage, higher food costs and more water restrictions. In already hot places like the Imperial Valley, more people will die when it's even hotter.

Start supporting fossil fuel reduction with your vote and your home appliance usage. We can avoid total catastrophe.

Edward Dignan, Long Beach

The question in the article, "What is the land's best use?" should be followed by, "What is water's best use in California?"

The key lies in the actual value of water compared to what the farm barons pay. They benefit from contracts that are many decades old with low water prices that distort what crops are economically viable.

Growing water-thirsty alfalfa in the arid Imperial Valley is clearly not the answer.

We cannot live without drinking water, but we can get the vegetables currently grown in the Imperial Valley from other parts of California with the "true value" of water factored in.

Climate change will create more havoc in California. Let's value water based on the priority of its use: drinking water, sustainable food production, and sustainable environmental protection.

Raju Yenamandra
Thousand Oaks

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Far-right political extremism seems to have infected the thinking of at least one Imperial Valley farmer who opposes solar power installations on the region's increasingly unfarmable land.

While farmer Eddie Wiest wisely recognizes the need to diversify local land use, his neighbor Trevor Tagg "refuses to accept the science of global warming," even as his own mother has repurposed part of her property from farming to solar power generation.

I hope Tagg's eyes will open to factual reality before his land becomes too unbearably hot and dry to produce any crops at all.

Marcy Miroff
Rothenberg
Porter Ranch

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Roth's article leaves the impression that to avoid climate disaster, it will be necessary to sacrifice either farmland or remote desert lands for solar farms.

I hope to read more in the future about photovoltaic panels being placed on residential rooftops, over parking lots, on commercial buildings, over canals and on contaminated landfills.

Hazards and costs related to long-distance electrical transmission must be considered in California's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Craig Deutsche
Los Angeles

Water: We're doing it wrong

Re "L.A. doesn't need a visionary czar to solve its water woes. It's already on it," editorial, Jan. 23

I disagree with The Times' editorial board.

Every morning when we take our walk, my husband and I see puddles on streets and rivulets in gutters, the runoff from sprinklers. A couple of weeks ago, we saw a lawn being doused by a neighbor's irrigation system during a heavy rainstorm.

Our water crisis is not going to disappear because of a few weeks of rain. The proof is in the pictures of Lake Mead's water level.

We all need to give up the dream of lush green lawns and profusely flowering borders. We live in California, not England (or New England). California natives are the only landscaping plants that make sense here.

We need not one, but many visionaries. In fact, all homeowners need to be water czars in their own backyards.

Janice Blake
Manhattan Beach

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Your editorial is well-taken. Our region is slowly learning to store and use local water supplies more efficiently, and it does take time to build and adapt.

One point you raised about the pitfalls of having a "Mulholland-like water czar" deserves comment.

It was not so much William Mulholland's contempt for committees and bureaucrats that led to the failure of the St. Francis Dam in 1928. His desire to build more reservoir storage near Los Angeles quickly and cheaply was a major contributing factor to the construction of a low-budget, under-designed dam in a canyon that had been under-scrutinized for its geological suitability for water storage.

His judgment on the matter went largely unchallenged, and this was also part of the tragic failure of the dam and accompanying loss of life.

Fred Barker
Burbank

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Probes led DEA to quietly oust chief in Mexico

Investigators found official's misconduct included ties to drug traffickers' lawyers.

By Joshua Goodman and Jim Mustian

Drug Enforcement Administration

NICHOLAS PALMERI'S brief tenure in the post saw the flow of cocaine, heroin and fentanyl increase.

MIAMI — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration last year quietly ousted its top official in Mexico over improper contact with lawyers for narcotraffickers, an embarrassing end to a brief tenure marked by deteriorating cooperation between the countries and a record flow of cocaine, heroin and fentanyl across the border.

Nicholas Palmeri's socializing and vacationing with Miami drug lawyers, detailed in confidential records viewed by the Associated Press, brought his ultimate downfall after just 14 months as the DEA's powerful regional director, supervising dozens of agents in Mexico, Central America and Canada.

But internal probes raised other red flags, including complaints of lax handling of the pandemic, resulting in two agents having to be airlifted out of the country with COVID-19. And it was disclosed in recent days that Palmeri had approved the use of drug-fighting funds for inappropriate purposes, including seeking to be reimbursed for his own birthday party expenses.

"The post of regional director in Mexico is the most important one in DEA's foreign operations, and when something like this happens, it's disruptive," said Mike Vigil, the DEA's former chief of international operations.

"It's even more critical because of the deteriorating situation with Mexico," added Phil Jordan, a former director of the DEA's El Paso Intelligence Center. "If we don't have a strong regional director or agent in charge there, it works against the agency's overall operations, because everything transits through Mexico, whether it's coming from Colombia or the fentanyl that flows in through China. It cannot be taken lightly."

Palmeri's case adds to a growing list of misconduct roiling the nation's premier narcotics law enforcement agency at a time when its foreign operations — spanning 69 countries — are under scrutiny from an external review ordered by DEA Administrator Anne Milgram.

That review came in response to the case of Jose Irizarry, a former agent serving a 12-year federal prison sentence after confessing to laundering money for Colombian drug cartels and skimming millions from seizures to pay for international jet-setting, parties and sex workers.

Palmeri's is the second case in recent months to shine a light on the often-cozy interactions between DEA officials and Miami lawyers for some of Latin America's biggest narcotraffickers and money launderers. Last year, federal prosecutors charged a DEA agent and a former supervisor with leaking confidential law enforcement information to two Miami defense attorneys in exchange for $70,000 in cash.

One of those lawyers, identified by current and former U.S. officials as David Macey, was also implicated in the probe into Palmeri. Internal investigative records indicate Macey hosted Palmeri and his wife for two days at his home in the Florida Keys — a trip that investigators said served no work purpose and violated rules governing interactions with attorneys that are designed to avoid even the appearance of impropriety.

Palmeri, 52, acknowledged to investigators that he had stayed at Macey's home; that his wife had worked as a translator for another prominent attorney, Ruben Oliva; and that the couple had taken an unauthorized trip to Miami in February 2021.

The supposed purpose of the Miami trip was to "debrief" a confidential source. But it took place at a private home, and Palmeri brought his wife and a bottle of wine, according to the internal report.

"The meeting had the appearance of a social interaction with a confidential source," the investigators wrote, "and there was no contemporaneous official DEA documentation concerning the substance of the debrief, both of which violate DEA policy."

Those violations prompted Palmeri's abrupt transfer to Washington headquarters in May 2021 before he ultimately stepped down last March, the records show. Palmeri told investigators he had shown "not the best judgment."

DEA officials would not discuss the specifics of Palmeri's ouster or why he was allowed to retire instead of being fired. But one official told the AP that the agency "has zero tolerance for improper contacts between defense attorneys and DEA employees."

"The DEA aggressively investigates this serious misconduct and takes decisive action, including removal, against employees who engage in it," said the official, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly and asked not to be named.

Palmeri described the investigations as a "witch hunt" prompted by personal and professional jealousies he refused to specify, and what he called "an ill-conceived narrative" to remove him from his post.

He added that his relationships with attorneys had "always been professional and ethical," and that all of his expenditures in Mexico were "judicious" and benefited the U.S. government.

"It is ironic," Palmeri wrote in an email, "that the Department of 'Justice' would commit this injustice to the country."

Macey, one of the lawyers, did not respond to requests for comment. Another, Oliva, told the AP that the translation work Palmeri's wife did for him was "totally unrelated" to Palmeri and that he had "never met a more ethical, hardworking and highly effective drug enforcement agent."

Palmeri, a former New York City police officer, had raised eyebrows from the moment he arrived in Mexico in 2020.

Some agents complained that he had a near-obsession with capturing Rafael Caro Quintero, the infamous drug lord behind the killing of a DEA agent in 1985. They said Palmeri prioritized that over the agency's less-flashy efforts to stem the flow of Chinese precursor chemicals used to make fentanyl. Quintero was taken into custody last summer, months after the DEA recalled Palmeri to Washington.

Christopher Landau, who oversaw Palmeri as U.S. ambassador to Mexico at the time, said that focus on Quintero and other headline-grabbing arrests was characteristic of the DEA's broader failings.

Landau cited the U.S. arrest in 2020 of a former Mexican defense secretary, Gen. Salvador Cienfuegos, which prompted President Andrés Manuel López Obrador to disband the elite police unit that had been the DEA's key ally in Mexico. López Obrador also rammed through a national security law that kept DEA agents at their desks instead of out in the field. Overnight, law enforcement cooperation between the neighboring countries went from strained and spotty to nonexistent.

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>
> — Christopher Landau, former U.S. ambassador to Mexico, who oversaw Palmeri

"Unfortunately, in the absence of a broader strategy, DEA is driving the bus of U.S. counter-narcotics policy, and it's a very narrow lane they drive in," Landau said. "It's not going to move the needle in terms of stemming the flow of drugs into the U.S., and frequently [carries] sometime devastating foreign policy consequences."

Palmeri also came under criticism for his handling of pandemic procedures in 2020, when federal agents were under orders to avoid in-person meetings and unnecessary travel. Several agents under Palmeri's command, including an assistant regional director, became sick with COVID-19 after a meeting at the DEA office in Mazatlán, where some agents say they were admonished or ridiculed for wearing masks.

Two agents became so ill they had to be airlifted out of the country, according to two former U.S. officials, who spoke to the AP on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the matter.

An Office of Inspector General report released last week also said that Palmeri had sought government reimbursement to pay for his own birthday party and had approved the purchase of "unallowable items" as part of foreign trips by the then-acting DEA administrator.

Tim Shea, who held that position during Palmeri's tenure, did not respond to requests for comment.

The report, which did not detail specific items or amounts spent, also did not explain its conclusion: "Criminal prosecution of the Regional Director was declined."

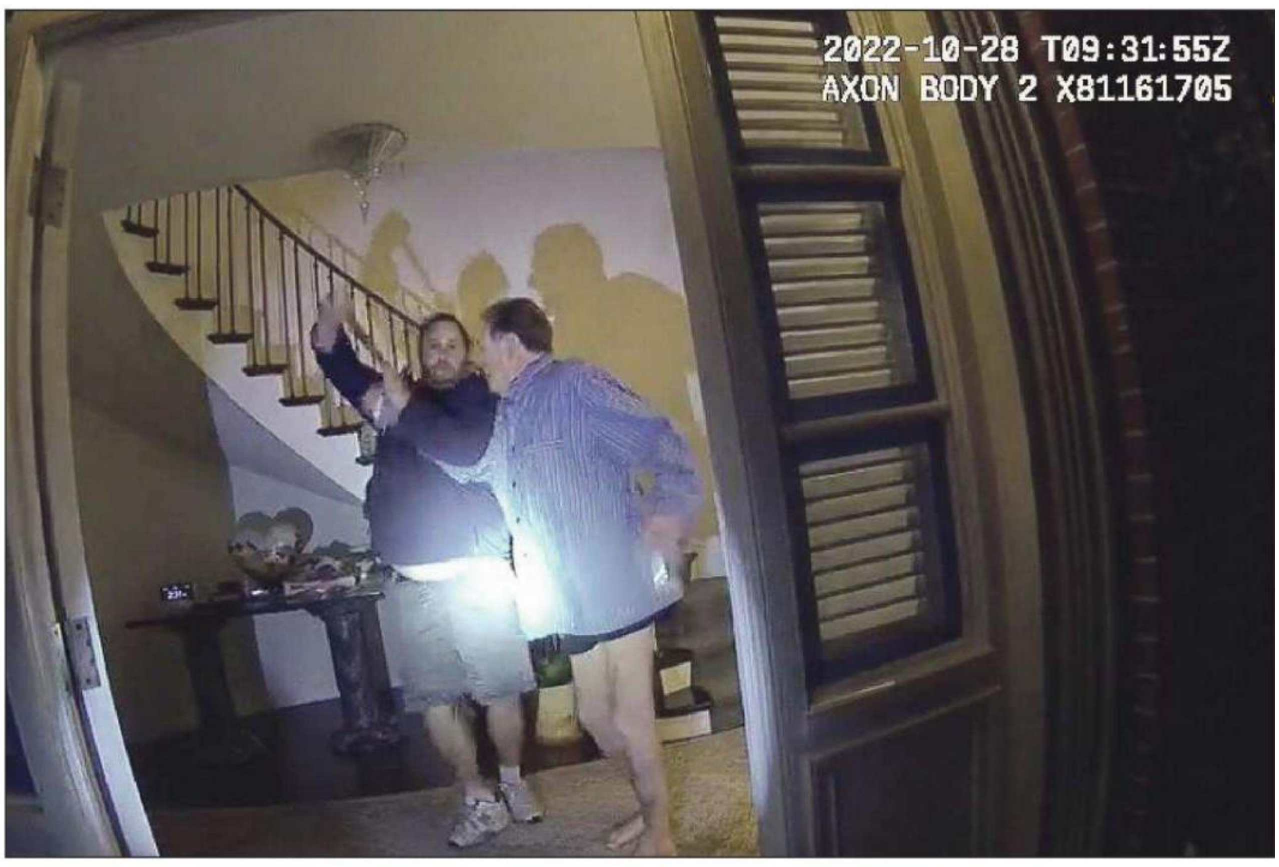
Goodman and Mustian write for the Associated Press. Mustian reported from New York.

Court makes public the graphic video of attack on Paul Pelosi, suspect's confession to police

[**Video,** from A1]

call. I have not heard the confession. I have not seen the break-in, and I have absolutely no intention of seeing the deadly assault on my husband's life," she said.

Nancy Pelosi thanked people for prayers for his recovery and said her husband is "making progress, but it will take more time."



San Francisco Police Department

AN IMAGE from police body-camera video shows Paul Pelosi, right, husband of then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and David DePape, each with a hand on a large hammer, at the Pelosis' Pacific Heights home on Oct. 28.

A coalition of at least a dozen news organizations, including The Times, asked the court to order the San Francisco district attorney's office to release copies of the records already submitted into evidence, arguing that the news media and public had a right to review them.

DePape's lawyers opposed making that evidence public, saying it could jeopardize his right to a fair trial and stir up more misinformation about the case. The attack on Pelosi spawned a flurry of unfounded conspiracy theories online, including on popular social media platforms.

San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Stephen Murphy disagreed with those objections, dismissing them as speculation. He said that while the right to a fair trial is "certainly a legitimate concern in any case," the court couldn't withhold the release of records out of fear that they could be manipulated.

The evidence the court released is limited to material submitted during a December hearing. Though the videos were shown in court and reported on by media at the time, news organizations did not have access to make the material available to the public until the court order this week.

Throughout the 911 call, it's clear that Pelosi is trying to convey that something is terribly wrong but without losing his composure.

"He thinks everything is good," he said, speaking about DePape. "I've got a problem, but he thinks everything is good."

Pelosi told the dispatcher he didn't know the man. When the dispatcher asks for the man's name, DePape responds that his name is David. The dispatcher then asks who David is.

"I don't know," Pelosi said. DePape chimes in that he's "a friend of theirs."

"He says he's a friend," Pelosi responded, saying again that he doesn't know who he is, and that he's being instructed to hang up. "I gotta stop talking to you, OK?"

The dispatcher said she could stay on the phone with Pelosi to "make sure everything is OK." But Pelosi said he was being instructed to hang up the phone, and the call ends. Minutes later, police arrive at the door.

> 'I told him, I'm not going to surrender. I'm here for the fight. If you stop me from going after evil, you will take the punishment instead.'
>
> — David DePape, suspect in Paul Pelosi attack

The body-camera video, which confirms the narrative investigators provided after the attack, shows police arriving at the Pacific Heights home to find Pelosi and the suspect standing, each with a hand on a large hammer.

After police demanded they drop the weapon, DePape wrested control, swung it above his head and hit Pelosi, according to police and the video.

Officers darted into the home and tackled DePape as Pelosi lay motionless.

DePape was obsessed with right-wing conspiracy theories and spent a lot of time alone, absorbing extremist views online, people who know him told The Times shortly after the attack. Some of those views were reflected in an interview San Francisco Police did with DePape shortly after his arrest.

In a 17-minute clip of the interview, DePape offered unsparing detail to San Francisco Police Sgt. Carla Hurley of his plans to break into the Pelosi home and interrogate the former House speaker.

"I'm not trying to get away with this," DePape said. "I know exactly what I did."

Hurley asked why DePape had targeted the Pelosis, and if the family had done something to him.

"Not me specifically, but to the entire American public, honestly," he responded.

DePape said he thought Nancy Pelosi was "the leader of the pack" of Democrats in Washington who tell lies. He then meandered into Watergate, Hillary Clinton, spying on rival political campaigns and other conspiracy theories about Democrats working against former President Trump.

DePape said the Democratic Party had gone on a "crime spree" during Trump's four years in office, "until they were finally able to steal the election."

DePape then described how his intention was to break into the Pelosis' home, hold the Democratic lawmaker hostage and "talk to her."

"If she told the truth, I'd let her go scot-free," he said. But if she lied, he added, he was going to "break her kneecaps."

"He was not my target," DePape said of Paul Pelosi.

He then detailed how he broke into the home by using a hammer and by body-slamming his way through glass. He said the effort caused him to get "pretty winded" at one point.

Capitol Police video, also released Friday, shows a man walking up to a glass door on the exterior of the Pelosi home. He looks through the glass, walks away and returns wearing a large backpack and carrying a bag. He sets the bags down and removes several items, including a hammer.

He then walks up to the house and repeatedly swings the hammer. The camera angle does not show what surface the hammer hits, but after several swings and a flurry that looks like a burst of broken glass, the footage shows the man entering the house.

DePape said he initially thought nobody was home, then was surprised to find Paul Pelosi.

DePape said he told Paul Pelosi that he was looking for his wife. Paul Pelosi asked DePape how the two could "resolve" the situation, he said. DePape said he was so tired from breaking into the house and from carrying a heavy backpack full of supplies that he just wanted to tie Paul Pelosi up and go to sleep.

Paul Pelosi then called 911, with DePape standing next to him the whole time. DePape said he just wanted to talk to Paul Pelosi "frankly," but that he would be undeterred by efforts to distract him.

"I have other targets. And I can't be stopped by him," DePape said.

"Why didn't you just leave?" the investigator asked.

"You know, the founding fathers, it's like, they fought the British. They fought tyranny. They didn't just f—ing surrender to it. And when I left my house, I left to go fight tyranny. I did not leave to go surrender," he said.

DePape described Paul Pelosi running to the door once the police arrived.

"I'm standing there right beside him with the hammer," DePape said.

Pelosi then took the hammer from him, DePape said, "so I basically yanked it away from him, and hit him."

"I told him, I'm not going to surrender. I'm here for the fight," he continued. "If you stop me from going after evil, you will take the punishment instead."

He told police that he didn't know how many times he hit Pelosi, but that he used his "full force."

Paul Pelosi has attended public events in Washington since the attack. He accompanied his wife to an event at the Kennedy Center in December, the Hill reported, and was photographed with her as the new session of Congress began on Jan. 3.

"This has been tough," Nancy Pelosi said in an interview with the New York Times. "It's going to be about three or four more months before he's really back to normal."

Times staff writer Nolan D. McCaskill contributed to this report.

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A new agenda in O.C. school district

Conservative-led board in Orange fires superintendent, raising outrage, worry.

By Gabriel San Román

Madison Klovstad Miner ran for the Orange Unified school board with financial backing from conservative groups, signaling her ideology with phrases like "parent first" and "education fundamentals."

On the campaign trail, she stopped short of favoring a ban on critical race theory but said it was "not the best way for our students to become more inclusive, to become more accepting."

Earlier this month, in her second meeting after narrowly beating an incumbent Democrat, Miner voted with three colleagues to fire the district's superintendent.

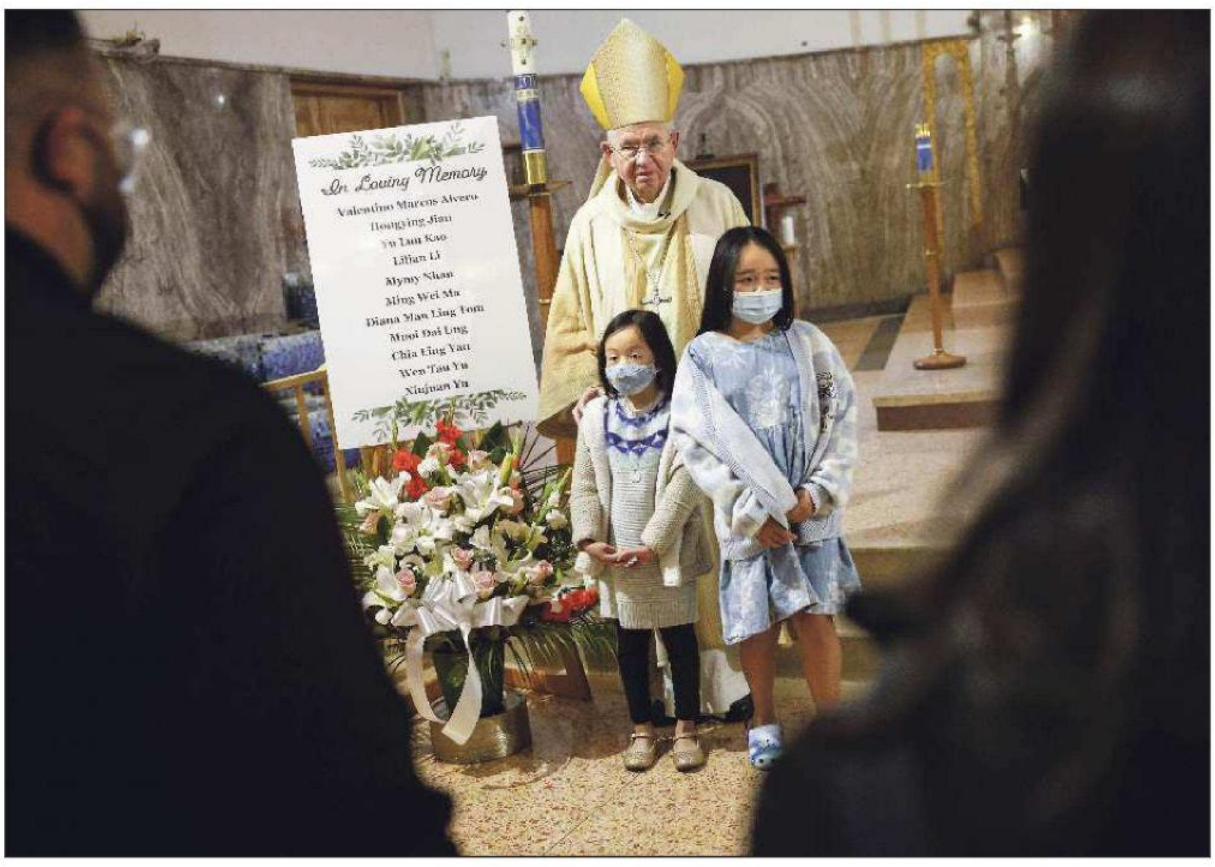
The board's new conservative majority has not stated a reason for the move, which was opposed by many parents and teachers. But it appeared to be the opening salvo in an effort to bring what is taught in the district's classrooms in line with conservative values.

"I will not let this district's reputation be destroyed by a group of extremists that are coming in to tear down the work that we've been doing as parents and active members of the community for the last decade and a half," said Kris Erickson, a Democrat on the school board.

In the November elections, conservative groups backed school board candidates around the state, with limited success.

Where conservatives did

[See **School board,** B2]



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ARCHBISHOP José H. Goméz poses for a photo with Allison Merino, 6, left, and sister Madison, 8, of Montebello in St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church in Monterey Park after the Friday night service.

A Mass to honor victims

Sign at Monterey Park church bears names of the dead

By Summer Lin
and Christian Martinez

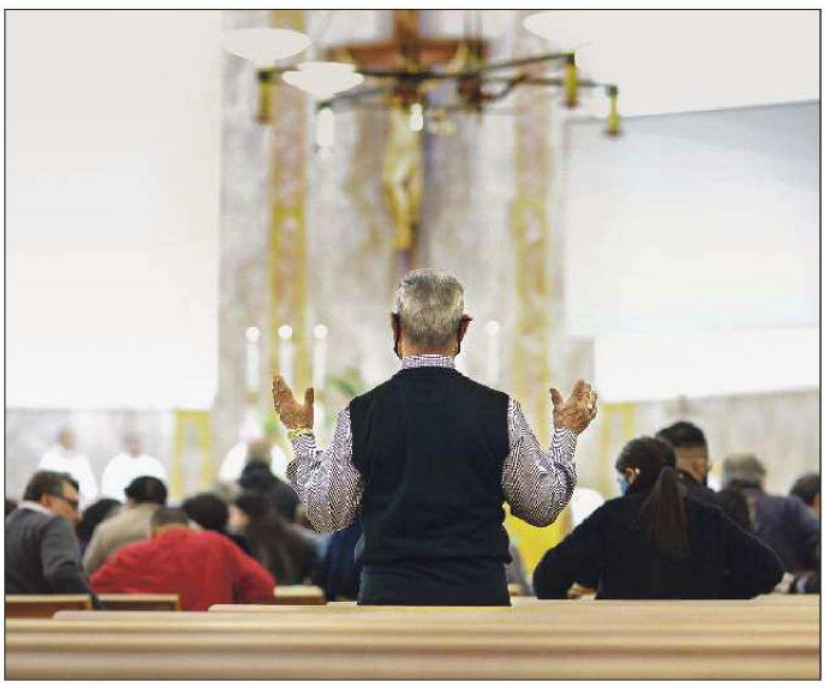
In the latest of a somber week of memorials since the Monterey Park mass shooting, dozens of people poured into the St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church on Friday night for a service honoring the 11 victims.

At the front of the church was a sign bearing the names of the dead: Mymy Nhan, 65; LiLan Li, 63; Xiujuan Yu, 57; Hongying Jian, 62; Muoi Dai Ung, 67; Valentino Marcos Alvero, 68; Yu-Lun Kao, 72; Chia Ling Yau, 76; Wen-Tau Yu, 64; Ming Wei Ma, 72; and Diana Man Ling Tom, 70.

Father Joseph Magdaong, who presided over the Mass with Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Goméz and Auxiliary Bishop David G. O'Connell, noted the significance of the shooting falling on the eve of the Lunar New Year.

"Ironically this is the saddest moment for us in Monterey Park,"

[See **Mass,** B4]



WORSHIPERS HONOR the dead. One victim's daughter had her wedding at St. Stephen Martyr a few years ago, a parishioner said.

Refinery among worst water polluters

Study finds Chevron El Segundo was top emitter of nitrogen and selenium in 2021.

By Dorany Pineda

A study of oil refineries nationwide ranked the Chevron El Segundo facility on Santa Monica Bay as the largest water polluter for nitrogen and selenium in 2021, compared with 80 other oil operations.

The pollutants, byproducts of the oil refining process, are legally discharged into the Pacific Ocean. Authors of the report, as well as conservationists, are calling on federal environmental officials to revise and tighten regulations that permit such discharges into bodies of water, saying they have the power to do so but choose not to act.

"Once again, the U.S. government has turned a blind eye while oil and gas companies pollute our environment, including our sensitive marine ecosystems, and disproportionately harm our front-line communities," Los Angeles Waterkeeper Executive Director Bruce Reznik said in a news release. "We must now put the spotlight on oil refineries' essentially unregulated water pollution and demand that [the Environmental Protection Agency] fulfill its duty under the Clean Water Act by setting, updating and actually enforcing discharge limits for these refineries."

In an email to The Times, the oil company said it directly treats all of the facility's process wastewater and stormwater runoff "under a rigorous discharge permit (known as a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System or 'NPDES' permit) issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board," adding that it remains in compliance with federal, state and local water regulatory standards.

"Chevron built the capacity to operate, permit and treat all its wastewater and stormwater runoff, rather than place a burden on Publicly Owned Treatment Works," the statement said, referring to treatment plants owned by government agencies.

The report, released Thursday by the nonprofit Environmental Integrity Project, also ranked Chevron Richmond and PBF Martinez (formerly Shell) refineries in Northern California among the top 10 nickel polluters among national refineries, ranking at No. 5 and No. 10, respectively.

[See **Refinery,** B2]

EDDIE LOPEZ

Famed DJ was L.A.'s 'curator of all things salsa'

By Priscella Vega

From the time he was a boy growing up in Koreatown, Eddie Lopez was fascinated with radio.

He tinkered with a Craig tape recorder, interviewing family and friends to splice together his own radio program. He stayed up past his bedtime to tune in to stations in Rosarito, Mexico. Then one day in high school, he heard Latin jazz star Leandro "Gato" Barbieri's wild, high-pitched saxophone.

"He just *loved* that, and it really drew him" into the world of tropical music, said his wife, Vanessa Salum. "The salsa music of the '70s, some of it was political and he liked the messages and the African rhythms, the drums, the horns, the ability to dance to it."

Lopez took his love of the music to Pepperdine University's radio station before he transferred to Loyola Marymount University in the 1970s. There, he began to volunteer for a weekend radio show called "Alma del Barrio," which was in its third year and unique in the Southern California Latino radio landscape by focusing on Afro-Caribbean music and presenting it with DJs who spoke in English and Spanish.

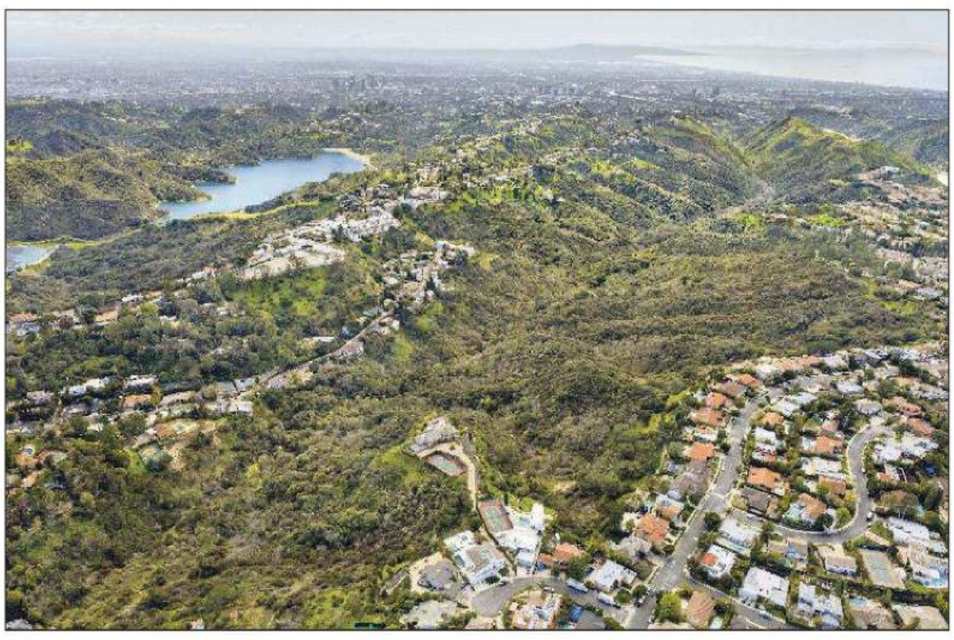
"Alma del Barrio" became one of the most celebrated radio shows of its kind in the United States, and Lopez was among its most celebrated voices. For years, Lopez hosted every other Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. until the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted his schedule. He began prerecording shows until fall 2022.

He spent hours researching music history at libraries, or asked artists about certain songs at local clubs to properly inform his listeners. Before he played a track on air, he took time to contextualize the artist's lyrics, explaining to listeners why the saxophone evoked a feeling of pain or the vocalist shrieked in anguish.

And since it was all for college radio, Lopez always did his work for free.

"The best thing is there are plenty of students willing

[See **Lopez,** B5]



Sibylle Allgaier

SENDEROS CANYON, which failed to sell after a decade on the market, is three times the size of Disneyland. Bidding, which closes March 15, starts at $39 million.

260-acre site in Bel-Air has hit the auction block

The undeveloped site, among the largest in the L.A. area, will go to the top bidder.

By Jack Flemming

A 260-acre property in Bel-Air — which, thanks to its impressive list of celebrity residents and record-setting mega-mansions, has a reputation as one of the country's ritziest enclaves — is being auctioned off to the highest bidder.

The auction is a last-ditch effort to sell the spread known as Senderos Canyon, which spans 6% of Bel-Air and is one of the largest and most valuable pieces of undeveloped land left in the Los Angeles area. It has failed to find a buyer since hitting the market a decade ago.

Senderos Canyon is by far the biggest piece of land on the market in Los Angeles. (Second place belongs to a 53-acre spread in Granada Hills asking $1.2 million.) It's three times the size of Disneyland and easily dwarfs the 157-acre Mountain in Beverly Hills, widely considered L.A.'s finest undeveloped parcel.

Potential buyers have been sparse because of the cost and time it would take to develop the property into something profitable.

Comprising three contiguous parcels, the trophy property first surfaced for sale in 2013 at $125 million. No takers. In 2019, the price was trimmed to $75 million, then

[See **Bel-Air,** B5]

City Council backs renter protections

Under plan, a tenant would have to owe more than a month's rent to be evicted. **B3**

Mountain lion P-81 is killed

The 4-year-old male was probably struck by a vehicle on PCH, officials say. **B3**

Driver arrested in fatal crash

Hit-and-run collision in South L.A. killed a 13-year-old boy and his baby brother. **B3**

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SPORTS ON THE BACK: Lakers' newest acquisition makes a good first impression. B12

The top emitter of two water pollutants

GENARO MOLINA Los Angeles Times

A STUDY of oil refineries nationwide ranked the Chevron El Segundo facility on Santa Monica Bay as the largest water polluter for nitrogen and selenium in 2021, compared with 80 other oil operations. The pollutants, byproducts of the refining process, are legally discharged.

[**Refinery,** from B1]

It also found that two-thirds of the 81 refineries analyzed are disproportionately located in low-income areas, and that more than half "are in areas where the percentage of people of color exceeds the national average." Of those 81, nearly 70% have contributed to downstream waterways that are too contaminated to sustain aquatic life or to safely swim or fish in, the report said.

At a news conference Thursday, Eric Schaeffer, the Environmental Integrity Project's executive director and former director of the EPA's Office of Civil Enforcement, said he remembers how bad pollution was in the U.S. before the Clean Water Act was enacted more than 50 years ago, promising that public waters would be safe to fish and swim in within a few years.

"We've long passed that deadline," he said. "We've seen real improvements since then, but our progress has stalled. Based on the most recent state surveys, about half our rivers and lakes, and at least a quarter of our estuaries, are so polluted they're unhealthy for fish and aquatic life, and they're not safe for swimming or other recreation activities. These are not, to put it simply, the fishable and swimmable waters we were promised."

Schaeffer blamed conditions on the government's failure to demand that refineries and other industrial dischargers use modern treatment systems — technological updates that could reduce the volume and toxicity of pollutants dumped.

"The waters, after all, belong to the public and not private companies," he said.

The Clean Water Act, enacted in 1948 under a different name and restructured in 1972, regulates water pollution in the United States. Its purpose, in part, is to restore and maintain the nation's waters.

But the report alleges that the EPA, which manages the Clean Water Act's laws and regulations, has failed to enforce it. Among the EPA's responsibilities are reducing the dumping of pollutants and toughening those limits at least twice every decade if treatment technology has improved.

"But the standards for refineries have not been revised in nearly four decades, since 1985, and apply to only a small handful of pollutants," the report alleges. "These weak and outdated standards do not reflect advances in treatment methods or the expansion and modification of refinery operations over the last four decades. While a few state agencies have included several additional discharge limits in refinery wastewater permits, EPA and state environmental agencies rarely enforce them or penalize violations."

The Environmental Integrity Project evaluated the EPA's data on enforcement and compliance and discovered that more than 80% of the 81 refineries reported exceeding their permitting limits on water toxins at least once between 2019 and 2021. Yet most were not penalized.

In an email, the EPA said it is aware of the report and will "review and respond accordingly."

In 2021, Chevron El Segundo released 1.6 million pounds of nitrogen into Santa Monica Bay, according to the Environmental Integrity Project, which analyzed the oil industry's toxic release reports and permit applications and its own monitoring data to compile its findings. The company also released 5,257 pounds of selenium, according to the report.

Tracy Quinn, president and chief executive of Heal the Bay, called the nitrogen numbers "worrisome."

"While there are no acute health concerns for swimmers and surfers" because the dumping is far enough from shore, "discharges of nitrogen into our coastal waters can have serious impacts on our marine life," she said in an email. She cited the California Ocean Acidification Action Plan, which states that nutrients such as nitrogen can exacerbate ocean acidification when discharged into coastal waters.

Quinn also noted that the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant in Playa del Rey currently discharges more than 20 times the amount of nitrogen annually into Santa Monica Bay than Chevron El Segundo. She said Hyperion plans to reduce its nitrogen discharges to 1.7 million pounds per year when it upgrades facilities to produce recycled water.

Just in San Francisco Bay, four refineries — including Valero Benicia and Phillips 66 Rodeo — released into tributaries at least 1,057 pounds of selenium, 1.2 million pounds of nitrogen, 32,298 pounds of oil and grease, and thousands more pounds of other pollutants such as arsenic and lead, the report says.

Collectively, the 81 refineries studied across the country dumped 1.6 billion pounds of chlorides, sulfates and other dissolved solids into waterways in 2021. Some 60,000 pounds of selenium and 15.7 million pounds of nitrogen, among other pollutants, were also discharged.

Study authors say that contamination could have grave consequences for wildlife and ecosystems. At high levels, many of the toxins can cause reproductive damage to fish and birds. Chloride can kill fish and plants. Too much nitrogen can trigger algae to grow excessively, depriving aquatic life of oxygen and clogging rivers and streams. It can also be harmful for young children and livestock to consume drinking water with excessive nitrogen.

Research shows high levels of selenium are causing spinal deformities in more than 80% of young Sacramento splittail, a freshwater fish, in the Bay Area. The toxic metal occurs naturally in crude oil and can kill off entire fish populations and cause mutations and reproductive damage. It can also harm birds, amphibians and other animals that feed on aquatic life.

The report also found that many U.S. refineries "have antiquated and inadequate pollution control systems" due to their age — they average 74 years, but some are as old as 140 years.

It also alleges that the EPA has not updated its limits for refineries in nearly 40 years despite their growth over the last several decades, "increasing both the volume and variety of pollutants they discharge."

"What are we asking for?" Schaeffer said to reporters. "No more than what the Clean Water Act has required since the 1970s. We ask EPA to comply with the law, rise to the occasion and write new standards based on the more advanced treatments systems we have in this century instead of the ones we should've left behind in the last one."

Times staff writer Robert J. Lopez contributed to this report.

Lottery results

Tonight's SuperLotto Plus Jackpot: $28 million
Sales close at 7:45 p.m.

Tonight's Powerball Jackpot: $572 million
Sales close at 7 p.m.

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Schools chief firing roils Orange district

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PARENT JESSICA NETTLES speaks out against this month's firing of Supt. Gunn Marie Hansen at the Orange Unified Board of Education meeting last week.

[**School board,** from B1]
take control, as in Orange, the new majorities have begun laying the groundwork for their agendas, despite heated opposition. The conflicts are likely to grow more intense as communities debate proposals that seek to remake public education.

A new conservative Christian majority on the Temecula Valley school board immediately banned critical race theory — an academic framework that seeks to examine how racial inequality and racism are embedded in legal systems, policies and institutions — then called a special meeting last week that adjourned early amid protests and fears that the board would fire the superintendent.

The board majority in Orange, consisting of four of the seven members, has commissioned an academic audit that could be a jumping-off point for conservative reforms.

The audit will include subjects such as sex education and ethnic studies, board President Rick Ledesma told the Orange County Register.

Sprawled across several inland cities, the Orange school district serves 25,000 students and has become more diverse in recent years. Nearly 60% of students are Latino, a quarter are white and 9% are Asian American.

The mostly middle-class district is anchored by the city of Orange and also covers schools in the affluent communities of Anaheim Hills and Villa Park, as well as working-class areas of Garden Grove and unincorporated county neighborhoods.

According to the California Department of Education, 44% of students are economically disadvantaged and 19% are English-language learners.

Major clashes surrounding the school board date to at least 2001, when three conservative members were successfully recalled. The pandemic brought contentious battles over mask mandates and vaccines.

In the November election, four conservatives, including Miner and Ledesma, ran as a slate, pledging a "back to basics" approach that would be independent of the teachers union and supportive of charter school parents.

A trio of pro-charter school and pro-conservative political action committees, led by the Lincoln Club of Orange County State PAC, spent $87,000 backing three of the four candidates, with Ledesma declining to raise money.

Miner and Ledesma won, but the other two lost against incumbents endorsed by the teachers union, including Erickson.

The other members of the conservative majority are John Ortega and Angie Rumsey, whose terms did not expire in November.

Ledesma, Ortega and Rumsey did not respond to requests for comment.

Miner, who squeaked onto the board by 221 votes, sends her children to Orange County Classical Academy, a charter school that offers a "classical education" emphasizing Western civilization and Judeo-Christian concepts.

As a candidate, she favored aligning the district's ethnic studies curriculum with the conservative-dominated Orange County Board of Education, which has suggested alternatives to the state curriculum, including one that celebrates Black excellence and rejects "victimhood culture."

"I believe ethnic studies is important. I don't want a divisive program that further isolates our children," Miner said in a text message to The Times.

"The candidates had good messaging," said Jackson Reese, who consulted on a trio of Orange Unified campaigns this last election before becoming vice president of the California Policy Center, a right-wing think tank based in Tustin. "Their message aligned with some national issues that were hot dinner-table conversations that had practical effects on people in their district."

The vote to fire Supt. Gunn Marie Hansen and appoint Edward Velasquez, a retired administrator from outside the district, as interim superintendent took place behind closed doors over winter break on Jan. 5.

Before the vote, parents and teachers expressed outrage over Hansen's firing in a meeting that lasted four hours. Some were upset that Ledesma had called the meeting with only a day's notice.

The four conservative trustees also voted to put Assistant Supt. Cathleen Corella on leave and appoint an interim administrator to replace her. Some critics referred to the sudden personnel changes as the "Thursday night massacre."

"The fact that it was done with such little notice felt unethical at a minimum," parent Emily Lawrence said in an interview. "It also felt extremely political for what should be a nonpartisan board."

State Sen. Dave Min (D-Irvine) called the personnel changes a "reckless decision" that could cost the district $1.3 million, not including potential legal fees, and sent a letter to Ledesma demanding answers on whether the conservative board members privately discussed the firing in violation of the Brown Act, a state open-meetings law.

Supporters of Hansen and Corella say the two educators have balanced competing interests amid polarizing times.

Hansen led a phased plan that gave students the choice to return to in-person learning as early as September 2020 while also offering remote and hybrid options. Other large districts in Orange County remained fully remote during the first year of the pandemic.

"They stand that line in the middle and don't really listen to the hubbub of left or right," Linda Horist, a retired teacher, said of Hansen and Corella. "They don't get sucked into the noise that's all around us these days."

Rosa Otero, a parent, was one of the few at the meeting who spoke in favor of the board's decision. She criticized the previous board majority for ignoring parents angry about mask mandates.

"I do believe we need some change," she said. "It's been years that we've had the same superintendent."

Velasquez said in a message to the district that he plans to serve as superintendent until a permanent replacement is found.

Erickson, the Democratic school board member, believes the push to fire Hansen may have stemmed from a battle over the Orange County Classical Academy, which Miner's children attend.

The school was cofounded by the California Policy Center and Dr. Jeff Barke, a Newport Beach physician who is a member of America's Frontline Doctors, a right-wing group known for spreading COVID-19 misinformation.

In December 2019, district administrators recommended that the school be denied a charter to operate, citing concerns that it provided an "unsound education program." But the board narrowly approved the charter.

Now, the school is planning to expand countywide with two more campuses after gaining approval from the Orange County Board of Education.

Erikson believes the school's supporters were so offended by Hansen's opposition that they launched a campaign against her.

"There was a real push to paint her as a leftist ever since, and they did that through COVID by saying things like she was pro-mask and pro-vaccination," Erickson said.

At the Jan. 5 school board meeting, opponents of the conservative majority gathered contact information from people who would support a recall campaign.

Lee Tousignant, a father of three elementary school children in the district, signed up. He is a registered Republican but thinks Hansen handled the pandemic well.

"It was certainly not fun for any family," Tousignant said. "But our district did an admirable job of taking care of our kids."

In a letter to the board and school community, Erickson and fellow trustees Andrea Yamasaki and Ana Page said they were excluded from the deliberations and called on the conservative majority to rescind the personnel changes.

"This act has created chaos and fear among employees, and it chips away at the trust parents, students, and the community have in us," they wrote.

Gina Ferazzi Los Angeles Times

L.A. REACTION TO POLICE VIOLENCE IN MEMPHIS

Civic leaders Ernest Williams, Najee Ali, Laura King, Robert Sausedo and LAPD Deputy Chief Gerald Woodyard, from left, meet in Leimert Park to watch a video of Memphis officers beating Tyre Nichols.

City Council backs threshold for evictions

Under plan, a tenant would have to owe more than a month's rent to be forced out.

By Julia Wick

The Los Angeles City Council made some minor adjustments to elements of its tenant protection package Friday, after a lengthy meeting during which council members spent more than two hours meeting privately with the city's lawyers.

The broader tenant protection package was unanimously approved last week. But its various prongs were in different stages of the legislation process, with some elements — such as new "just cause" eviction protections and a timeline for repaying back rent — ready to be signed into law after last week's vote. Two other provisions still required ordinances to be drafted and approved this week.

A proposal that establishes a minimum threshold for eviction for tenants who fall behind on rent was provisionally approved Friday by the council, while a separate item that would require landlords to pay relocation fees in some situations involving large rent increases was tabled until next week.

Councilmember Nithya Raman, who chairs the housing committee and championed the legislation package, said she was confident the eviction threshold ordinance would pass a second reading and optimistic that the relocation assistance provision would also be approved next week.

"I'm grateful that my colleagues saw this as a moment for bold action," Raman said.

The eviction threshold proposal was approved on a 9-2 vote, with Councilmembers Traci Park and John Lee voting no. Under the proposal, a tenant would have to owe an amount exceeding one month's fair market rent before they could be evicted.

Because the vote was not unanimous, that ordinance will have to be heard again for a second vote next week before it can be signed into law.

The ordinance was amended to include a severability clause, which states that if one provision of the law is struck down in court, the rest can stand. It was also amended to instruct the city's housing department to report back on a number of elements, including how the city's new renter protections might affect housing production.

A separate provision that would require landlords to pay relocation fees if rent is increased by more than 10%, or 5% plus inflation, was not voted on because an amendment approved during the meeting will require more time to draft. It is expected to come back before the council Tuesday.

The amendment will clarify the displacement provision to ensure it is triggered only by changes to a unit's contracted monthly rent, rather than any promotional rents or discounts.

This proposal would apply to a relatively narrow sliver of the city's rental stock, since the city's rent stabilization ordinance and statewide rent cap provisions already prohibit such rent increases for most units. Approximately 84,000 units built since 2008 would be covered under the proposed law, according to the city's housing department.

Two other prongs of the package were signed into law by Mayor Karen Bass this week and went into effect Friday.

The "just cause" eviction protections bar landlords from evicting tenants in any rental property unless there is unpaid rent, documented lease violations, owner move-ins or other specific reasons.

Some renters, including those in rent-stabilized units, already had those protections, but making them universal dramatically expanded the number of tenants covered.

Another provision that went into effect Friday blocks evictions until February 2024 for tenants who have unauthorized pets or who added residents who aren't listed on leases. It also created a new timeline for paying back rent owed from the COVID-19 emergency period.

The council had been under pressure to approve substantial new tenant protections by the end of the month, when the city's emergency order is set to expire.

Tenants and tenant advocates spoke in favor of the provisions during Friday's meeting, while a number of small landlords and landlord groups spoke out against them.

Before her "no" vote on the eviction threshold provision, Park said that she while agreed no tenant should be evicted for being a "a few dollars short on their rent" or experiencing "some kind of life emergency," she thought it was an unbalanced policy that didn't adequately address the needs of small landlords.

Park also had broader concerns, saying the proposal "raises many unanswered questions, ranging from the legality of these ordinances to their implementation and their overall impact on affordability."

The California Apartment Assn. has already threatened litigation on the remaining proposals.

Cougar P-81 is killed on PCH

The 4-year-old male was probably struck by a vehicle, National Park Service says.

By Christian Martinez

National Park Service

P-81, first captured in 2020, provided evidence that the region's mountain lion population was in trouble.

Mountain lion P-81 was killed Sunday on Pacific Coast Highway, probably struck by a car, the National Park Service announced.

The 4-year-old male cougar's remains were collected on PCH near Las Posas Road in Ventura County. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife will conduct a necropsy to confirm the cause of death.

The cat was first captured in the western Santa Monica Mountains in March 2020 and provided researchers with evidence that the mountain lion population in the region was experiencing problems.

P-81 was "significant in our mountain lion study due to his physical abnormalities — a kinked tail where the end is shaped like the letter 'L' and only one descended testicle," the park service said.

The abnormalities were the first pieces of physical evidence of possible inbreeding and a lack of genetic diversity in the mountain lion population.

The findings increased the "urgency of understanding, maintaining, and increasing connectivity for wildlife in the region," the park service said.

The currently under-construction Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing over the 101 Freeway in Agoura Hills is aimed at allowing the cats freer rein to move about the region and connect with lion populations to the north.

P-81's death comes a little over a month after the renowned P-22 was euthanized after he suffered severe injuries, including a skull fracture, likely from a car.

With P-81's probable death by vehicle strike, the total number of cougars hit and killed by cars since March 2022 has risen to nine, the park service said.

Driver arrested in fatal hit-and-run

By Matt Hamilton

The suspect in a hit-and-run crash in South Los Angeles that killed a 13-year-old boy and his baby brother has been arrested and charged with murder, police announced Thursday, capping a weeks-long investigation that spanned two states.

The crash occurred Jan. 9 after the driver of a Mercedes-Benz blew through a red light at Main Street and 111th Place in Broadway-Manchester, smashing into the car driven by Deborah Amaya, who was taking her children to their grandmother, police said. The collision resulted in the death of her two sons, Christopher Amaya-Pineda, 13, and Damian Amaya-Pineda, 18 months.

"My kids were everything," Deborah Amaya told reporters Thursday. "There wasn't a day I didn't remind them they were everything to me."

After striking Amaya's vehicle, the driver hit two parked cars before his vehicle burst into flames, said LAPD Det. Ryan Moreno. The driver got out and ran off.

"There were some witnesses and some good Samaritans that were there that tried to detain the suspect, but they were unsuccessful," Moreno said.

Detectives had a "person of interest" the day of the crash, Moreno said, and evidence at the scene led police to reach out to authorities in Nevada for assistance. Investigators relied on the witnesses to recall key details that helped identify the suspect, Taylor Lee Harris, who was arrested Jan. 20.

Harris, 31, was tracked down more than 100 miles east of Los Angeles at a trailer park around Desert Hot Springs, Calif., where LAPD detectives took him into custody.

Harris was charged with two counts of murder before his arrest. He was booked in L.A. County jail last week and was being held in lieu of $4 million bond.

Appearing Monday in a Compton courtroom, Harris pleaded not guilty to the charges. His defense attorney could not be reached for comment.

"I'm happy that the guy is caught," Amaya said Thursday at the news conference where police announced the arrest.

"Our goal is for him to serve life in prison, because he didn't just take away our children for 25, 30 years," she said as tears welled in her eyes. "He took my kids for life."

Cameraman admits to revenge porn video

By Alex Riggins

SAN DIEGO — Executives of GirlsDoPorn, a website that coerced young women into filming adult videos that were widely released online, conspired with a cameraman to create a harassing video that publicly identified 22 women who were suing the company, according to a guilty plea entered in federal court this week.

The video, which was being edited during the civil case but was never released publicly, also targeted the women's attorneys, according to the plea agreement of Alexander Brian Foster, the camera operator.

The 37-year-old San Diego resident pleaded guilty Tuesday to one count of conspiracy to commit stalking on the same day prosecutors filed the charge. As part of his plea, in which he admitted to filming about 100 videos for the GirlsDoPorn site and related sites, he also admitted that he was hired to make the harassment video by GirlsDoPorn's founder, Michael James Pratt, and the site's operator, Matthew Isaac Wolfe.

Pratt, a New Zealand native who fled from the U.S. in 2019, was arrested in December in Spain, just months after the FBI added him to its 10 Most Wanted fugitives list. He remains in Spanish custody awaiting extradition.

Wolfe, who pleaded guilty to a conspiracy count last year, is scheduled to be sentenced in May. Three other co-defendants have also pleaded guilty in the case.

A federal grand jury indicted the key participants of the porn empire in 2019. At the time, the defendants were embroiled in a lawsuit in San Diego Superior Court filed by 22 women who were victimized by the conspiracy. The judge in that case found in favor of the women and handed down a $12.7-million judgment against Pratt, Wolfe and adult performer Ruben Andre Garcia.

In mid-2019, around the same time the civil case went to trial, "Wolfe and Pratt hired [Foster] to create and edit a video titled '22 Whores and 5 Shady Lawyers,' " according to Foster's plea agreement. The video was intended to publicly identify the anonymous women who had sued them and was to be released online.

The script called for releasing each plaintiffs' full name and city of residence before showing clips of their sexually explicit videos as well as portions of their depositions, according to the plea agreement. The script also called for showing photos of their attorneys "with disparaging information about the attorneys."

The video "was intended to be distributed on the internet through multiple venues and ... was intended to cause the plaintiffs substantial emotional distress," Foster admitted in his plea agreement. He also admitted the intended release of the video "was part of a larger effort by Pratt and Wolfe to harass the plaintiffs over the internet."

Foster's attorney did not respond Wednesday to requests for comment. Foster, who posted $10,000 bail Tuesday, faces a maximum of five years in prison.

The news of Foster's guilty plea and the revelation that the GirlsDoPorn leaders were creating a harassment video came as no surprise to Brian Holm or Ed Chapin, two of the five attorneys who represented the women in the civil case.

"Pratt and his cohorts knew our civil trial would expose them as criminals so they did everything possible to get us to drop the case before it got to trial, including harassing the attorneys and their families, and the plaintiffs," Holm told the Union-Tribune in an email.

Chapin said that among other harassment tactics, altered photographs of the attorneys "that didn't hold us up in a very good light" were posted online during the civil case.

Riggins writes for the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Part of 91 Freeway to close in Corona

Officials offer a detour for drivers who can't avoid the two-mile stretch this weekend.

By Grace Toohey

Motorists are advised to steer clear of the westbound 91 Freeway in Corona this weekend as major repair work continues on a two-mile stretch of the Riverside County roadway.

From Friday evening to Monday morning, all westbound lanes on the 91 Freeway — from Interstate 15 to Lincoln Avenue — will be closed for construction, according to the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

The closure is part of the $12.6-million 91 Refresh Project, which includes repaving lanes and repairing sound walls and other barriers along the highly traveled corridor. Work crews are also working on a new connector for Express Lanes between Interstate 15 to the 91, according to Riverside officials.

The westbound lanes will close Friday at 10 p.m. and are scheduled to reopen Monday at 5 a.m. The closures will include the westbound 91 Express Lanes, the westbound 91 Main Street onramp and offramp, the westbound 91 Lincoln Avenue offramp, and the westbound 91 connectors from Interstate 15.

If drivers can't avoid the area, Riverside officials recommended taking Route 60 to southbound Route 71 or 57 as a detour.

"Local traffic is expected to be heavy; please allow extra travel time," officials wrote in a news release.

Drivers who frequent the area can text 91REFRESH to 77222 to get continued updates on the project and closures from the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

Monterey Park Mass honors the 11 victims

[**Mass,** from B1]
said Magdaong, the pastor of St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Parish.

Alvero had been a parishioner at St. Stephen Martyr, according to Magdaong. He was a Filipino American and a devout Catholic who loved ballroom dancing, his family said. They called it a "great travesty" that he didn't receive his last rites, a sacrament administered before death.

"Our family would like to request all priests and Catholics to pray for him by name, Valentino Marcos Alvero," the family wrote in a statement. "He was a faithful servant of God and we know that he would want the world to lift his family in prayer more than anything."

Alvero's daughter had her wedding at St. Stephen Martyr a few years ago, said Martha Sanchez, a parishioner at Friday night's service.

"When I found out that he was one of the people that was killed, what came to mind was the day of the wedding. It was just so joyful," Sanchez said. "He was so proud to walk her down the aisle. He just beamed."

Alvero also had at least three grandchildren, said Sanchez. "He was a very nice man," she added. "Very respectful and very loving to his daughter."

Alvero was a "loving father, a dedicated son and brother, a grandfather who loved his three nieces and nephews like his own children," his family said.

Nearby at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio, the site of Saturday's mass shooting, two of Alvero's relatives stood in front of his picture where a memorial has sprouted, with visitors leaving bouquets of flowers and lighting candles.

Alvero's relatives both declined to be interviewed, but one recalled that Alvero was "always happy and smiling."

Alvero was "more than just a headline or a news story," the family said in their statement.

"He loved people and hearing about their lives and, in return, he shared his own stories with so much gusto and enthusiasm that you couldn't help but listen and laugh along with him," the family wrote.

A near-nightly vigil has been held at the site with hundreds passing by. On Wednesday, Vice President Kamala Harris visited Star Ballroom and placed a bouquet at the front.

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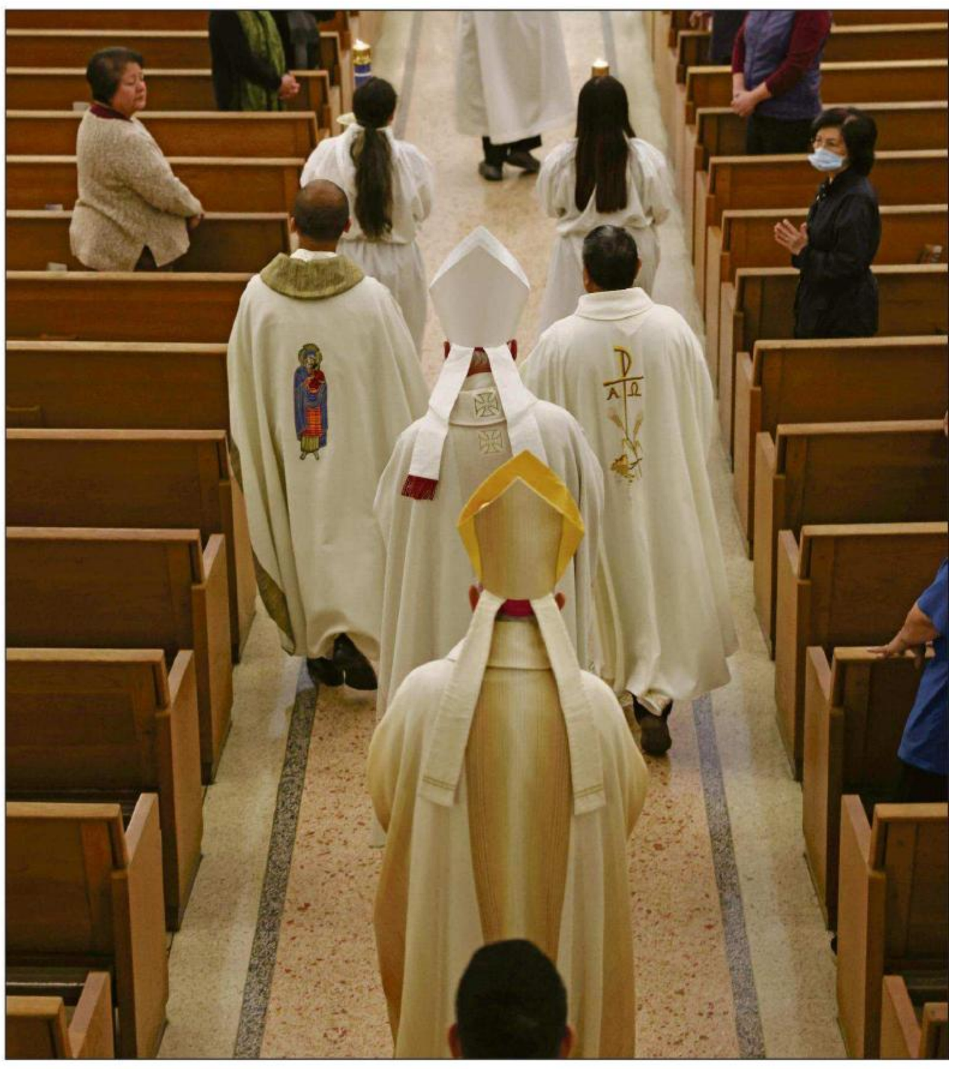
> — MARTHA SANCHEZ, speaking of Valentino Marcos Alvero



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THE CONGREGATION rises as clergy pass during the special service Friday night at St. Stephen Martyr. Father Joseph Magdaong presided over the Mass.

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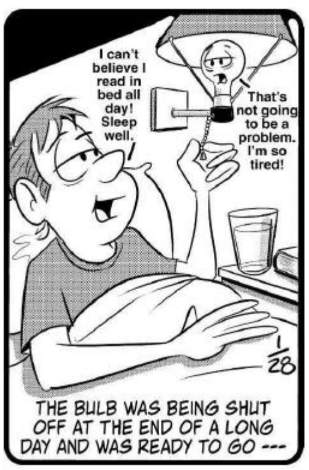
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EDDIE LOPEZ

A celebrated voice on 'Alma del Barrio'

[**Lopez,** from B1]
to volunteer and keep the flame going for many years to come," Lopez wrote to a friend on Facebook after they called him a "true keeper of the flame."

"He understood the importance of this little college radio show that had such an inroad into the community," said Alan Geik, a longtime friend and former colleague who hosted "Latin Dimensions" on KCRW-FM (89.9) after Lopez urged him to take over and later at KXLU-FM (88.9) for about 25 years.

"He was deeply involved in the politics of what was going on, more than anybody else at the station. Because he lived it 24/7, he brought a perspective that I certainty didn't have that gave us a united view."

A mentor to many, Lopez died Jan. 8, Salum said. He was 66. No cause was given.

"Eddie was a tireless champion of this life-giving genre of music, the quintessential radio professional on air, a seasoned curator of all things Salsa, and someone who cared deeply for the radio station," wrote LMU's radio director, Lydia Ammossow, in tribute of her colleague.

Across social media, avid fans shared stories of listening to Lopez on weekends while cruising Los Angeles.

For Eric Wiig, a 30-year-old Koreatown resident from Minnesota, Lopez's show served as a "cultural exchange."

"It felt like a way to learn about the city of Los Angeles and learn about some of the people in it through this music," he said. "He just made you feel like you had to care for it because he cared about it so much."

"Alma del Barrio" quickly became part of the fabric of Los Angeles under Lopez's leadership.

He scouted up-and-coming college students as DJs, and encouraged his young team to act as if they were professionals at commercial radio stations. If newbies queued pop or rock hits, Lopez was quick to call them during their set and remind them of the station's mission, said Nelson Rodriguez, who joined "Alma del Barrio" in 2007 and still hosts.

"He's one of our stars here [in] L.A. when it comes to our music," Rodriguez said.

"Some people think it's just musicians and it's not people, but sometimes it's the people behind the scenes."

Anabel Marquez joined "Alma del Barrio" when she was a 22-year-old student at LMU. She was interested in a career in communications and loved dancing salsa. A friend introduced her to Lopez and he instantly invited her to be his guest on air.

"My guess is it was sort of feeling me out and also making sure that I was a good fit," she said. "The chemistry was there. We talked in Spanglish. ... We shared some laughs, but it was more like an interview, but a very friendly sort of welcome interview."

Lopez later offered her the 6 to 9 a.m. Sunday slot, which she held until she graduated. Sometimes, Marquez said, he'd call in during her slot to compliment her segment.

"He was just a very classy, elegant sort of mentor and he just always ... encouraged us to do it for the love of music more than for any other personal agenda," she said.

Friends say Lopez always made sure to marry his passion for politics and music. He embedded Afro-Caribbean music into news packages in his day job as an editor for KVEA-TV Channel 52 Telemundo, where he honed his nose for news to produce award-winning work.

In 1980, listeners called in to KXLU to accuse staff of being communists for airing Cuban music. Lopez, Geik recalled, reminded his team to remain compassionate to callers because some may have that attitude because of the trauma they experienced in Cuba.

"The view had to be given that we have a right to play this, and you have a right to listen," Geik said. "If you don't want to contribute to us, we understand and we're sorry for your personal pain. I never said that because I have a little harsher view."

Listeners also used "Alma del Barrio" to collectively grieve. In 1985, when a magnitude 8.0 earthquake devastated Mexico City, listeners shared stories about their families experiencing the natural disaster while also providing local resources and plugging mom-and-pop restaurants.

In his personal life, the "Alma del Barrio" ethos continued. At his Pasadena home, parties often led to jam sessions with local musicians who grabbed some of the many instruments he collected or spun some of his many records. Sometimes Lopez would briefly slam away on his conga drums before leaving it to the professionals.

He loved to zip around his neighborhood in his classic 1973 canary-yellow Volkswagen Karmann Ghia along with his wife and their West Highland terrier, Winston. He kept a kite on hand just in case the wind was perfect for flying.

"He was pretty much all over the place," Sulam said. "And he would always say, 'I don't have enough time to do all the things I love to do!' "

Lopez is survived by his wife and their 25-year-old daughter, Nina. "Alma del Barrio" plans to honor Lopez at its annual salsa festival this summer, when it will celebrate its 50th anniversary.

"It's hard to believe I have been with the show and KXLU for over 40 years," Lopez wrote in his KXLU biography. "It doesn't seem possible so please keep it to yourself! lol It's been one of the most satisfying experiences of my life."

Vanessa Sulam

'QUINTESSENTIAL RADIO PROFESSIONAL'
"Alma del Barrio" became part of the fabric of Los Angeles under the leadership of Eddie Lopez, who worked on the program for more than 40 years.

260-acre parcel is up for auction in Bel-Air area

[**Bel-Air,** from B1]
$60 million. Still nothing. Now, it's being auctioned, with bids starting at $39 million — representing a discount of nearly 70%.

There have been plenty of ideas for the property over the years.

The land is not designated for a specific use, but prospective shoppers have pitched just about everything: a goat farm, a retirement community, a luxury wellness retreat and even an outdoor school campus.

"Everyone has grand ideas," said listing agent Scott Tamkin of Compass.

Renderings show potential uses for the prized acreage: a golf course or a horse ranch surrounded by a man-made lake.

A more realistic vision for the land could be a handful of luxury homes; Tamkin estimates that Senderos Canyon could fit roughly 17. The 15 to 20 acres at the top of the property would be the easiest to develop; building deeper into the canyon would require significantly more infrastructure and grading.

The auction is being conducted by Paramount Realty USA, which has handled more than $2 billion worth of real estate. Owner Misha Haghani called the property "unique and irreplaceable."

The bidding opened Tuesday and closes March 15 — a strategic date: Roughly two weeks later, Measure ULA goes into effect, adding a new transfer tax to big-ticket property sales. A 4% tax will be imposed on sales of $5 million to $10 million; above that, the rate is 5.5%.

If the Bel-Air property sells at the starting bid of $39 million, the seller — a limited liability company called Giro Properties — would owe $2.145 million under the tax. To help speed things along, the seller is offering a $2-million credit if the buyer closes before the measure kicks in April 1.

It's the latest example of luxury property owners looking for ways to avoid the tax. Some are simply trying to sell off real estate before April, while others are getting creative by looking into splitting up properties to cut their value.

Auctions are typically viewed as a last resort for selling a home and usually happen only when a property has languished on the market for years.

In 2021, the Hearst estate in Beverly Hills was auctioned off for $63.1 million after originally listing for $195 million. Last year, a 105,000-square-foot mega-mansion known as the One sold to the highest bidder for $141 million — an all-time record for a home at auction but a far cry from the initial asking price of $295 million.

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BERMAN, Helen

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DICKINSON , Virginia Norris

May 1, 1930 - January 13, 2023

Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Virginia/ Gigi, passed away peacefully in her home in the company of her children.

Virginia had been in declining health for several years, but always showed love for her family, retained her passion for music and was determined to make one last trip to Las Vegas with her kids. She made it... And won big at the blackjack table and the slots!

Predeceased by her husband, George, Virginia is survived by her four children, Bill, Bruce, Doug and Laura, their loves Cecelia, Christine, Elizabeth and Joe, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Virginia graduated from Beverly Hills High School and Stanford University. A few years later, she met the love of her life, George Dickinson. They were married for over 66 wonderful years.

Throughout her life, Virginia directed her energies to her family and to the community at large. She served on the board of the Junior League of Los Angeles, was president of Las Madrinas (for the benefit of Children's Hospital Los Angeles) and was very active in The Luminaires (for the benefit of the Doheny Eye Institute). She donated and donated her time and resources to many organizations in the L.A. area, including Good Samaritan Hospital. She was also General Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary of The Los Angeles Country Club.

Virginia loved playing bridge, golfing and traveling with friends and her dear George. She worked miracles in the kitchen and cooked tirelessly "for the troops". After a certain age, however, she much preferred making reservations to making dinner.

Her warmth, smile, intelligence, humor and energy will be in our hearts and minds forever.

Goodbye dear Mom, Gigi, Ginny, Jinky.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Children's Hospital Los Angeles or Good Samaritan Hospital.

GOLDSTEIN, Julian C.

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KING, Clyde

August 25, 1945 - January 14, 2023

Clyde King passed away January 14, 2023. He was a great husband, father, friend and a kind and generous boss.

Clyde was a native Californian, born in Los Angeles, CA in 1945. He spent most of his life on the West Coast. He served 4 years in the U.S. Navy after high school and went on to complete a Masters Degree in English at San Francisco State University. He loved long range fishing out of San Diego and caught many large tuna. Although he had Parkinson's for 30+ years, he never wanted to be known as "that Parkinson guy". He bravely underwent 3 experimental brain surgeries that greatly helped with symptoms.

Clyde founded King Instrument Company in 1983 and has been a successful owner and entrepreneur ever since.

He is preceded in death by his father Ozzie King, his mother Frances King, his sister Carol Russell and his brother Ron King. He is survived by his wife Carole, his son Henry and his sisters Jeanne Hendrickson and Janet King. Everyone who knew Clyde knew of his love of grammar. He would get cranky when someone would say "very unique" and would say, "you can't say very unique, it either is or it isn't". You'd be surprised how many times you will hear it. When you do, we hope you will remember Clyde.

KUDO, Dennis Hisashi

January 17, 1943 - December 25, 2022

Dennis Hisashi Kudo, 79-year-old, Hawaii-Honolulu-born, resident of Huntington Beach peacefully passed away at Sunshine Retirement Home on December 25, 2022.

He is survived by his loving family; wife, Arlee Eiko Kudo; son, Derrick Kudo; sister Maryann Kishiyama; brothers, Kenji and Joji Kudo; Also Dennis is survived by many nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Memorial & Interment service was held at Green Hills Memorial Park, Pastor Gary Shiohama of South Bay Community Church officiating.

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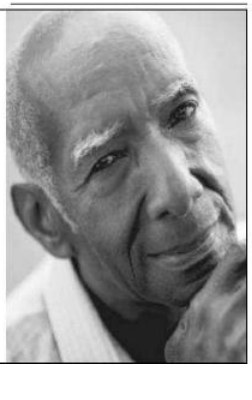
LAMPL, Ethel E

Dr. E. Esther Lampl passed away 1/19/23 at almost 101 years of age. Born in Vienna, Austria, she escaped the Holocaust when she was sent with the Youth Aliya to Palestine. During that period, she lost her parents and other close family members. Dr. Lampl was educated in Germany and England and developed an interest in Psychology, especially working with children. She was fortunate to have been accepted to study with Anna Freud while in England. When she arrived in the United States, she completed her PhD. in Clinical Psychology in Denver, Colorado. She then moved to Los Angeles and became Faculty at the Reiss-Davis Child Study Center while also maintaining a private practice in Beverly Hills where she worked with adults and children. In her later years, she was Staff Supervisor at the Wright Institute, Los Angeles. She remained clear minded clinically and politically until almost a few days before her passing. Dr. Lampl will be remembered for her sharp intelligence, kindness, friendship, and youthful laughter.



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MCCARTHY, SSS, Sister Marha

December 28, 1940 - December 1, 2022

McCarthy, Sister Martha (Marti), SSS
Sister Marti died on December 1, 2022, after an almost five-year sojourn with Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Dementia.

Born in 1940 and raised in Southern California, she joined the Sisters of Social Service in 1959, and was reintegrated into the vowed Community in 1994 after a hiatus. Throughout her life Sr. Marti devoted more than 50 years to advocacy and direct service to underserved and marginalized communities.

Remembrance service will be held at the Sisters of Social Service, 4316 Lanai Road, Encino, and begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 30th, and internment will follow at Calvary Cemetery at 2:00.

To watch via Livestream on the day of the event, contact the Sisters of Social Service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of Social Service.

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MCLAUGHLIN, Gregory Young

June 20, 1958 - January 15, 2023

Greg earned a BA in Political Science from Santa Clara University. After graduation, he embarked on a career in land, sea and air freight forwarding, eventually co-founding Air & Ground World Transport. His business travel took him to all parts of the globe, where he developed lasting relationships. Most important to Greg were his spiritual activities. He was an elder in his congregation, where his leadership and generosity were admired by those who knew him. Greg is survived by his wife of 39 years, Stacy Grace Corder, brothers Patrick K. McLaughlin, Christopher L. McLaughlin (Julia), Scott M. McLaughlin (Elizabeth) and Tracy G. McLaughlin, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by parents Harry Young and Judith King McLaughlin. Services will be held in Half Moon Bay, California on February 18th, 2023 at 3:00 PM. In-person memorial will be at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 611 Magnolia St., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019. The service will also be available on Zoom (contact family for log in details).

NICHOLS, Arthur

October 23, 1921 - November 17, 2022

Arthur NIchols passed away peacefully at, at the age of 101, with his wife Patricia at his side.

Born in Springfield, Mass., he went on to Dartmouth and then Stanford, where he graduated with a business degree.

Arthur was an avid tennis player, with 20 trophies to show for his efforts.

During WW2, Arthur was captain of 4 landing crafts in Papua New Guinea, and then became a submariner whose sub was the last to go in Tokyo Bay to make sure there was no surprise for the US.

Arthur retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant and went on to build two steel mills in Houston, Texas, which he ran. Also had another in Dallas, Texas, ran by a colleague.

Arthur met Patricia Hermes at the age of 61, and was in the process of selling his steel mills to Cargill Metals supply chain.

Arthur is survived by his daughter Susan from his previous marriage, his two nephews Carl and Maury and his wife of 40 years, Patricia.

SPRINGER, Joyce Allen

February 8, 1936 - January 16, 2023

Joyce A. Springer, born Feb. 1936, died Jan. 2023 in Chatsworth, California.

Survived by son Matthew, daughter Jessica, and beloved nieces and nephews.

TAMBARA, Sadaye

February 16, 1923 - December 19, 2022

Sadaye Tambara passed away peacefully on December 19, 2022, with her children and loved ones at her bedside. Sadaye was born on February 16, 1923 in Florin California to Choichi and Mabiko Tambara. She was predeceased by her husband Sumiyuki Tambara and their eldest daughter Nobuye Isoda. She is survived by her daughters Elsie (Jack) Okazaki, Amy Tambara, and Naomi (Tom) Pearey and grandchildren Andrew Isoda, Wendy Vaga, Trevor Okazaki and Kyle Okazaki.

Following her retirement in 1986, Sadaye traveled to various places in the United States and did volunteer work at the Keiro Intermediate Care facility in Lincoln Heights. She also enjoyed outings to Las Vegas and various Indian casinos, accompanied by her daughters and friends. Funeral services for Sadaye were held on January 10, 2023 at the Konko Church of Gardena officiated by Reverend Nobuharu Uzunoe.

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Florence "Deda" Jacobsen

October 27, 1938 - January 6, 2023

Deda was born in Chicago the second of three children. Her older sister coined the name because she had trouble saying Florence and the name Deda stuck throughout her life. Her family moved about and settled in Santa Monica in the early 1950's where she attended St. Monica and Norte Dame High School. She graduated Northwestern University where she studied for a career in dental hygiene and met her future husband and prominent Beverly Hills dentist, Raymond Jacobsen (1930-2015).

After beginning her career in 1959 as a dental hygienist in Pacific Palisades, Deda married Ray in 1960 and had three children, Eric, James, and Nancy over the next 12 years. She was a devoted wife and mother who juggled the many aspects of parenting with joy and dedication. When she wasn't working, she filled her time tending to her children's activities, doing charitable endeavors, and developing a love of cooking and entertaining. She was continually active in many charities during her life including National Charity League Los Angeles Founder Chapter, The Ebell, Santa Monica Westside Charity League, ARCS Foundation, as well as being a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Deda always exhibited exceptional artistic talent and this ability she pursued with passion her entire life. She entered a drawing contest in her early teens and won first prize which was personally presented to her by Walt Disney. In the early 1970's, she signed up for classes at Brentwood Art Center. She had retired from dental hygiene and was looking to rekindle her love of art. This proved to be her calling.

Within a year, Deda was offered a teaching job at the art school which she happily accepted. She had a knack for teaching and quickly became a fixture at the Brentwood Art Center. Her tenure as a teacher lasted more than 45 years. During that time, she not only taught countless students painting, life drawing, perspective, color theory, and art history; she created several series of original artworks. Most of these series received gallery exhibitions, including a Barnsdall Art Gallery exhibit in 1992. Later, she was a founding member of TAG, The Artists Gallery. Additionally, she fed her love of travel by coordinating several art tours and painting excursions to France and Italy with students and colleagues. Well loved by her students and generous with her time, she always helped them to embrace their own individual styles and achieve their desired results. For more information on Deda's art career please visit www.dedajacobsen.com.

Deda is survived by her three children and a brother, as well as several nieces and nephews. Her passing has dimmed all our lives by the loss of her vibrant smile, sparkling sense of humor, and vivid inner light. An internment ceremony is scheduled for 2pm January 30, 2023, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Santa Monica for family, friends, students, and colleagues who may wish to attend.

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Solutions to Friday's puzzles

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 or 2-by-3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 (or 1 to 6 for the smaller grid). For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk*.

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Every box will contain a number; numbers depend on the size of the grid. For a 6x6 puzzle, use Nos. 1-6. Do not repeat a number in any row or column. The numbers in each heavily outlined set of squares must combine to produce the target number found in the top left corner of the cage using the mathematical operation indicated. A number can be repeated within a cage as long as it is not in the same row or column.

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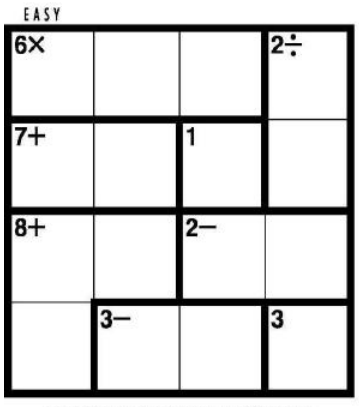

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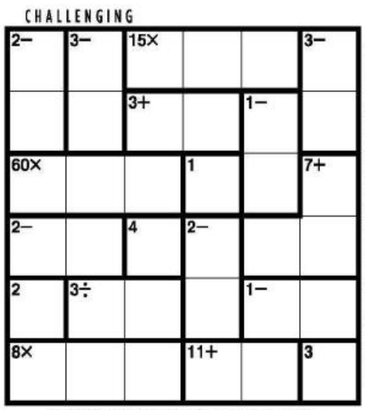

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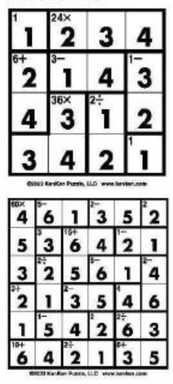

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HOROSCOPE

By Holiday Mathis

Aries (March 21-April 19): There are those you feel safe showing emotion around and those who require you to be on your guard.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): It's an opulent love you feel today and you also have seemingly endless excellent company worthy of its ample distribution.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Seasoned individuals will share what they know. Messages are generally absorbed when they are most needed, so whatever doesn't apply now could be helpful to you later.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): In a sense, you're running in a circle, but some of the most wonderful tracks, trails and journeys are circular in nature.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): There's a time to bolster your self-esteem and a time to stay humble. Currently, you could use a confidence bump.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It feels wonderful to give of yourself, your talents and your time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Keep in mind that what you think you need may not be what's best for you. The good and right thing for you is making its way to you now.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Since you can't change anything you don't know exists, awareness is the essential component in any kind of change.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll alternate between love-based and fear-based motivation, neither of which needs to be judged, though it will help you to notice where you are.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When you feel defensive or notice someone else does, it lets you know something true, partially true or believed to be true. That will be good information today.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You don't have to worry about what people are thinking. That will change.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): People are not so much good or bad as they are conscious or unconscious. Growing your own awareness contributes to the wholeness of the world because focus is contagious.

Today's birthday (Jan. 28): You're courageous, competent, charismatic and proactive. You'll get things done not just for yourself but for the people and purposes you care about. Take breaks too! Don't push or stress to reach goals faster than they seem to be coming. Ride life's natural pacing to excellent moments and relationships. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers: 8, 1, 3, 34 and 16.

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CROSSWORD

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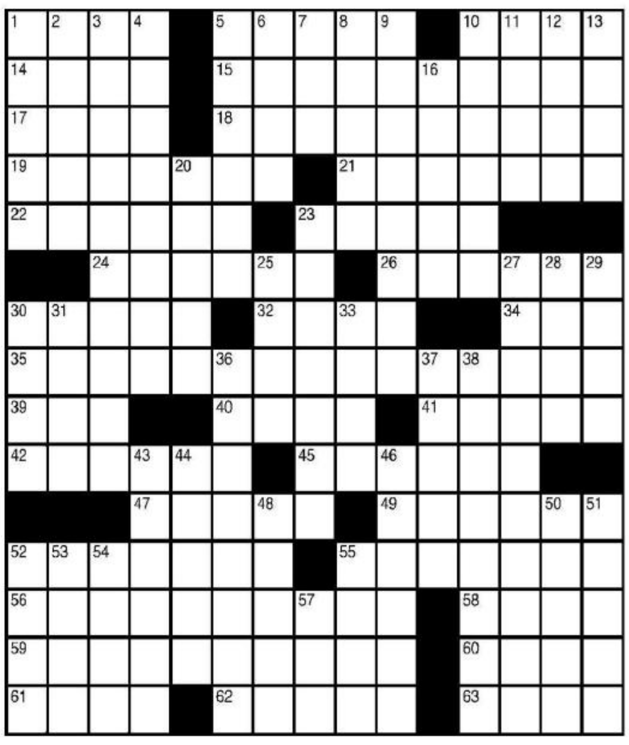

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- **5** Fully get
- **10** Lab order?
- **14** "Black Dog" singer Parks
- **15** Motley crew
- **17** Ground corn
- **18** Attraction in Singapore's Marine Life Park
- **19** One-named Oscar winner for "Precious"
- **21** Insalata whose key ingredients happen to be the colors of the Italian flag
- **22** Invites from a balcony, say
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- **24** Lake that feeds the Mississippi
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- **45** Whim
- **47** Signal silently to
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- **52** Fraidy-cats
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- **58** Cor anglais kin
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- **62** Wear
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DOWN
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- **2** Snacks that turned 110 last year
- **3** Unable to come up with
- **4** "Now, here's the thing"
- **5** Classifies
- **6** Ijeoma Oluo's "So You Want to Talk About __"
- **7** Period
- **8** Keanan of 1990s TV
- **9** Like some fusion menus
- **10** 49th vice president
- **11** Northern terminus of I-79
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- **13** Old __, Connecticut
- **16** Goggles
- **20** Seemingly
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- **25** Element of change?
- **27** Local information source?
- **28** Unagi roll fish
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- **30** College town north of Des Moines
- **31** Infatuated
- **33** Lily variety
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- **37** Experiment
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- **43** "Crazy" duo __ Barkley
- **44** Pressure units named for the inventor of the barometer
- **46** Skipper?
- **48** Music rights gp.
- **50** Home of Maine's Black Bears
- **51** "Hannah and Her Sisters" Oscar winner
- **52** Soviet letters
- **53** "Didn't see you there"
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- **55** Obfuscate
- **57** "Price negotiable" letters

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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BRIDGE

By Frank Stewart

"Simple Saturday" columns focus on improving basic technique and developing logical thinking.

Take your time as declarer. Hasty play has scuttled many easy contracts.

Today's auction was hit-or-miss: South's 4NT Blackwood bid was an error since North could have held a hand such as Q J 2, Q 8 7 4, K J 8, A 10 5. Against six hearts, West led the deuce of spades, and the play ended early when South finessed with dummy's queen. East took the king and cashed his ace of clubs.

Apparently, declarer never met a finesse he didn't like. Even assuming that West had the king of spades, South needed to pick up the trump suit to make his slam. But if he could draw trumps, he could then run the diamonds to pitch two spades from dummy, losing only a club to the ace. South's play of the queen of spades was a "practice finesse" that couldn't gain even it won. He must take the ace and finesse in trumps.

You hold: ♠ 9 8 ♥ A K J 10 ♦ A Q 10 9 2 ♣ K J. Only your side is vulnerable. The dealer, at your right, opens three clubs. What do you say?

Answer: This problem is awkward and would divide an expert panel. If you double and partner responds three spades, you can't strand him there, but if you continue with four diamonds, he may think you have a better hand. Bid three diamonds though you would make that call with less strength.

South dealer
N-S vulnerable

NORTH
♠ A Q 7
♥ 9 8 7 4
♦ K J 8
♣ Q 10 4

WEST
♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ 5 2
♦ 7 5 4
♣ 9 7 6 3

EAST
♠ K J 4 3
♥ Q 6 3
♦ 6 3
♣ A 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 9 8
♥ A K J 10
♦ A Q 10 9 2
♣ K J

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♦	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	Pass
4 NT	Pass	5 ♦	Pass
6 ♥	All Pass		

Opening lead — ♠ 2

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ASK AMY

Retrain rude stepchildren

Dear Amy: My husband and I have been married for 10 years. We each have two grown children from previous marriages.

My children love and accept my husband as family.

My husband's children have never accepted me.

I met their father years after their parents divorced, so I was in no way a cause of their break-up.

For example, when they visit for Christmas each year, they bring their father a gift and wish him a Merry Christmas, while they ignore me. I am left sitting there with a feeling of disbelief.

I've spoken to my husband about my feelings, but it doesn't really help. He says his family is dysfunctional.

What should I do?

Simply Hurt

Dear Hurt: Your husband's astute observation is that his family is dysfunctional. I assume you're thinking: "Right, Einstein."

But an accurate description is not a solution.

Your husband seems to be passively standing by while his children humiliate you — and in your own home.

You also seem to have lost your own voice.

His children obviously want to have a relationship with him, so he should convey to them that he won't tolerate this rudeness toward you. If he had done this at the outset of your relationship, they might have been retrained by now.

You have nothing to lose, so you might take advantage of this post-holiday period to email both of them and say, "I've been married to your father for 10 years. I had no role in the breakup of your parents' marriage, which happened before he and I met. I regret that I've been tolerating your rudeness to me for a decade. I'd like to have a positive relationship with you, but at the very least I expect you to be polite to me when you're a guest in our home."

Dear Amy: My 98-year-old father died recently.

At the graveside service, our business associate (and family friend) of 45 years would not shake hands with my son's boyfriend.

My son had to introduce his boyfriend twice before our family friend eventually shook his hand.

I've always suspected that he is homophobic, though he has never said anything out loud.

I did not witness the interaction, but I know how disrespected my son felt.

It was an added anguish to an already stressful day.

Of course, I am outraged and want to contact the family friend and question him about this blatant bigotry.

He usually seems to appear kind and thoughtful.

My question to you is how should I respond/deal with a close business associate and family friend who demonstrates behavior that I believe needs to be called out?

Incensed Mother

Dear Incensed: I can think of a couple of legitimate reasons for why someone might choose not to shake someone else's hand, but your son obviously interpreted this choice as stemming from homophobia — and you do too.

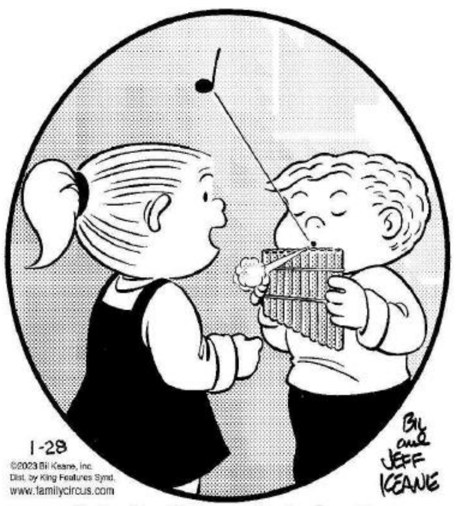
If you continue to stew on this, you should contact this man, tell him what your son has told you, tell him that this is upsetting to you and ask for an explanation.

He might tell you that he didn't hear your son's introduction, or that he is reluctant to shake hands these days for fear of passing along or contracting an illness.

You should accept whatever explanation he has offered, with the understanding that you have conveyed your distress about this.

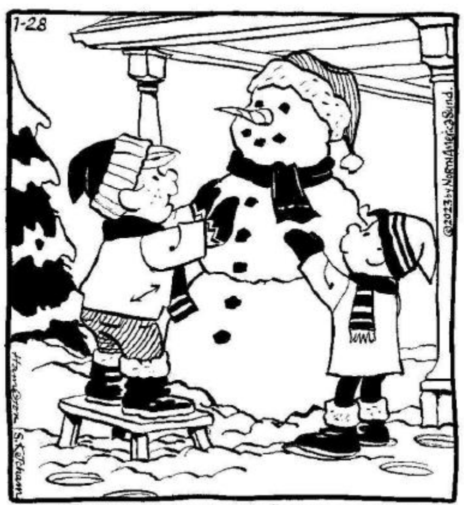
Email questions to Amy Dickinson at *askamy@amydickinson.com*.

FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



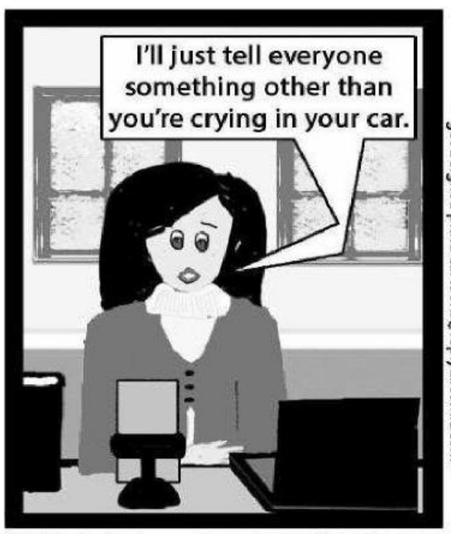
"That's like a whole family of whistles."

DENNIS THE MENACE By Hank Ketcham



"DON'T WORRY, YOU WON'T MELT LIKE YOUR BROTHER 'CAUSE WE'RE BUILDING YOU IN THE SHADE."

REPLY ALL LITE By Donna Lewis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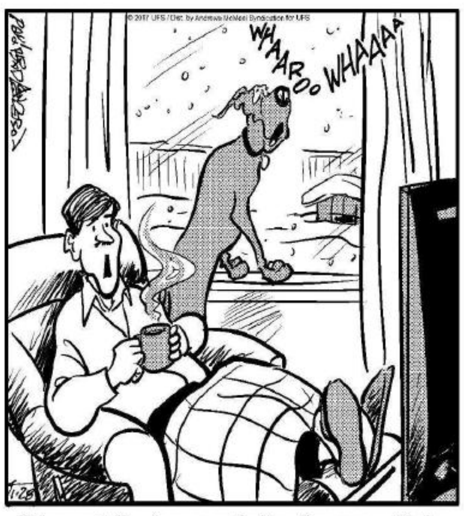
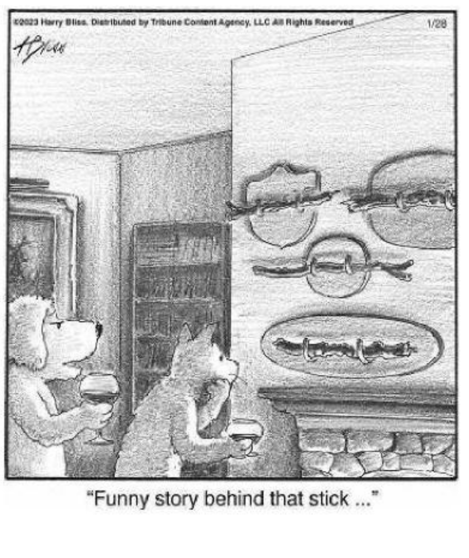


"Forget it. I am not digging a path to your doghouse."

BLISS By Harry Bliss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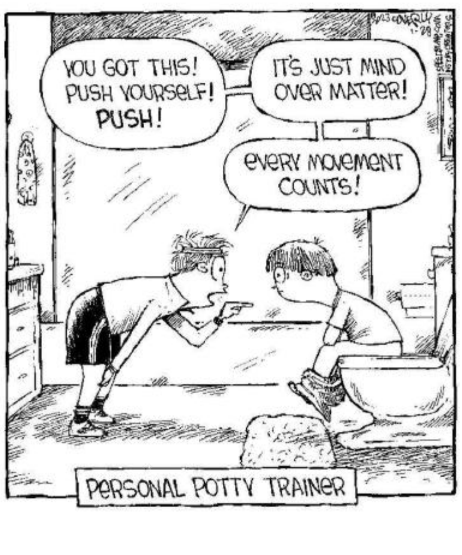
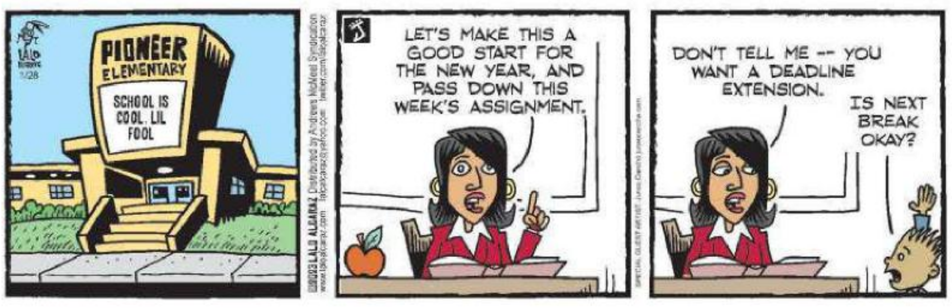
"Funny story behind that stick ..."

SPEED BUMP By Dave Coverly

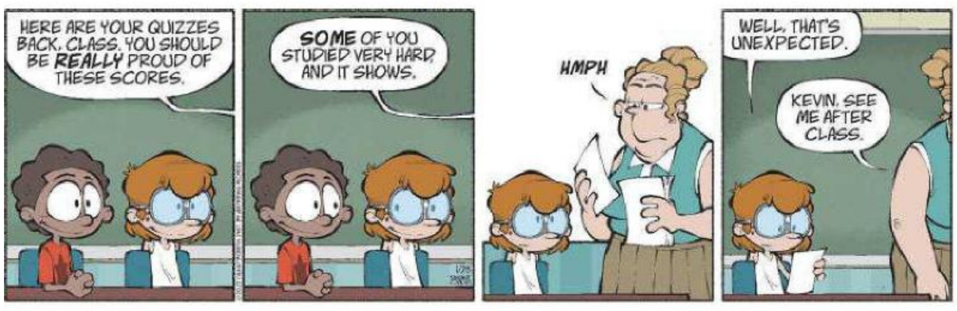

YOU GOT THIS! PUSH YOURSELF! PUSH!
IT'S JUST MIND OVER MATTER!
EVERY MOVEMENT COUNTS!
PERSONAL POTTY TRAINER

COMICS

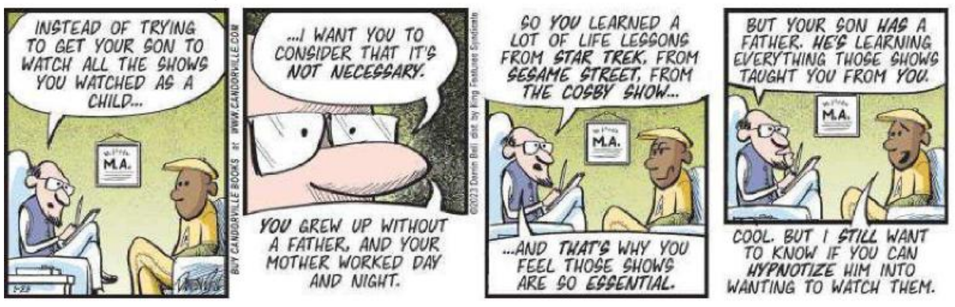
LA CUCARACHA By Lalo Alcaraz


PIONEER ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL IS COOL, LIL FOOL
LET'S MAKE THIS A GOOD START FOR THE NEW YEAR, AND PASS DOWN THIS WEEK'S ASSIGNMENT.
DON'T TELL ME -- YOU WANT A DEADLINE EXTENSION.
IS NEXT BREAK OKAY?

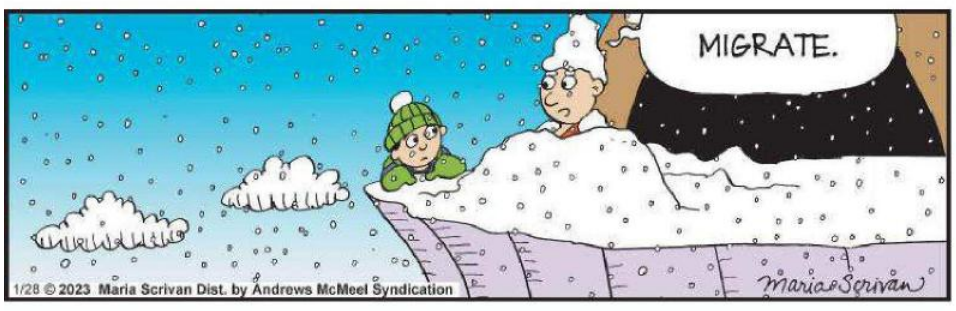
CRABGRASS By Tauhid Bondia


HERE ARE YOUR QUIZZES BACK, CLASS. YOU SHOULD BE REALLY PROUD OF THESE SCORES.
SOME OF YOU STUDIED VERY HARD AND IT SHOWS.
HMPH
WELL, THAT'S UNEXPECTED.
KEVIN, SEE ME AFTER CLASS.

CANDORVILLE By Darrin Bell


INSTEAD OF TRYING TO GET YOUR SON TO WATCH ALL THE SHOWS YOU WATCHED AS A CHILD...
...I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER THAT IT'S NOT NECESSARY.
YOU GREW UP WITHOUT A FATHER, AND YOUR MOTHER WORKED DAY AND NIGHT.
SO YOU LEARNED A LOT OF LIFE LESSONS FROM STAR TREK, FROM SESAME STREET, FROM THE COSBY SHOW...
...AND THAT'S WHY YOU FEEL THOSE SHOWS ARE SO ESSENTIAL.
BUT YOUR SON HAS A FATHER. HE'S LEARNING EVERYTHING THOSE SHOWS TAUGHT YOU FROM YOU.
COOL. BUT I STILL WANT TO KNOW IF YOU CAN HYPNOTIZE HIM INTO WANTING TO WATCH THEM.

HALF FULL By Maria Scrivan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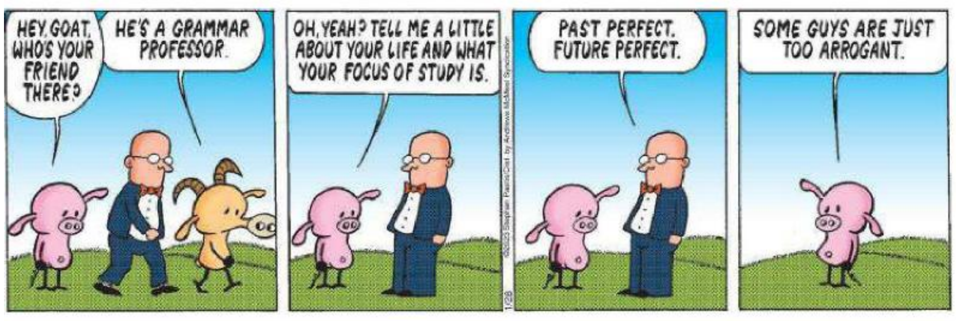
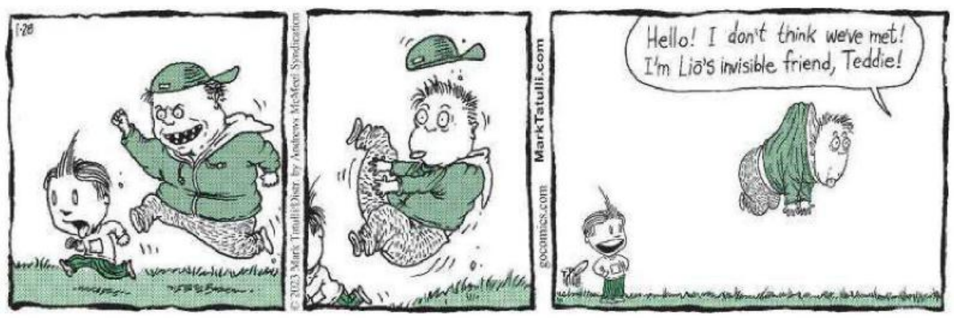
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE By Stephan Pastis


HEY, GOAT, WHO'S YOUR FRIEND THERE?
HE'S A GRAMMAR PROFESSOR.
OH, YEAH? TELL ME A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR LIFE AND WHAT YOUR FOCUS OF STUDY IS.
PAST PERFECT. FUTURE PERFECT.
SOME GUYS ARE JUST TOO ARROGANT.

LIO By Mark Tatulli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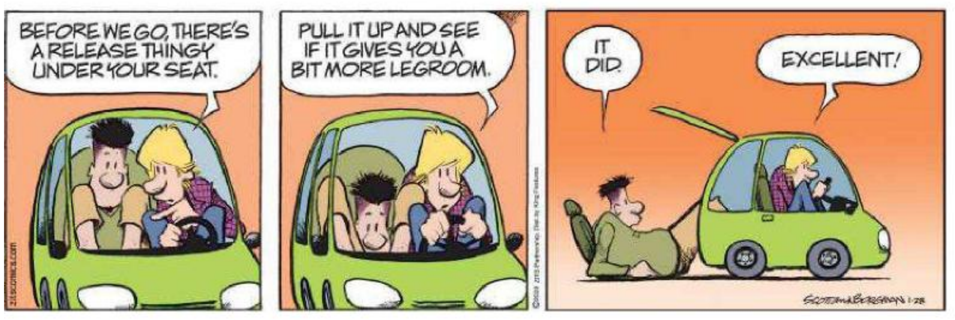
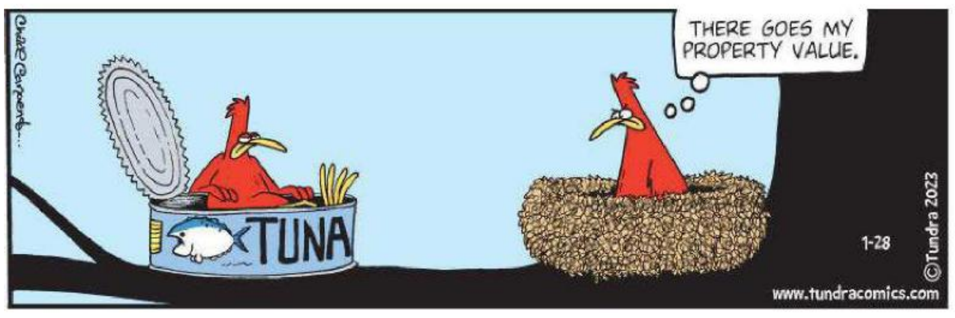
Hello! I don't think we've met! I'm Lio's invisible friend, Teddie!

ZITS By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman


BEFORE WE GO, THERE'S A RELEASE THINGY UNDER YOUR SEAT.
PULL IT UP AND SEE IF IT GIVES YOU A BIT MORE LEGROOM.
IT DID.
EXCELLENT!

TUNDRA By Chad Carpenter


THERE GOES MY PROPERTY VALUE.
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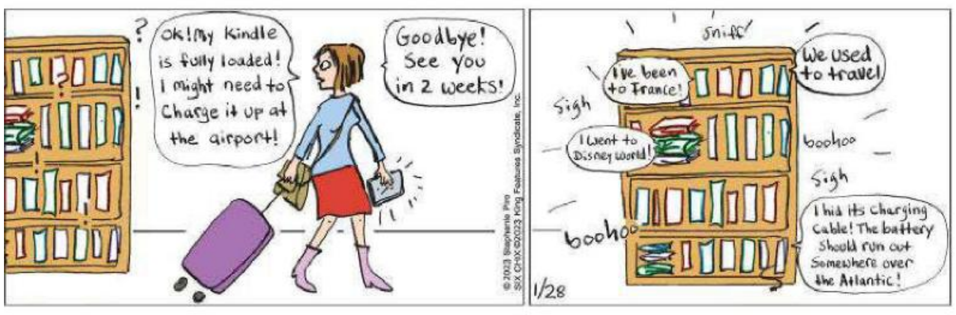
SIX CHIX By Stephanie Piro


OK! My Kindle is fully loaded! I might need to charge it up at the airport!
Goodbye! See you in 2 weeks!
sniff
I've been to France!
We used to travel
sigh
I went to Disney World!
boohoo
sigh
boohoo
I hid its charging cable! The battery should run out somewhere over the Atlantic!
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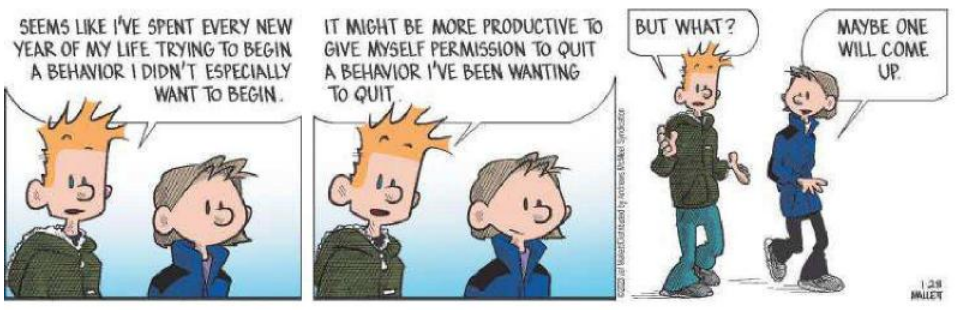
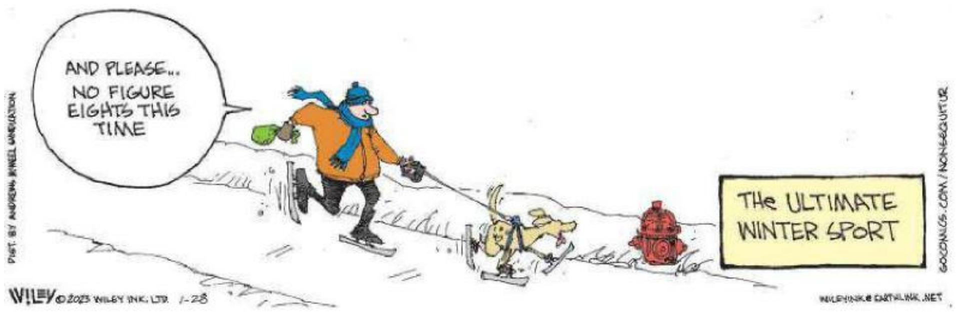
FRAZZ By Jef Mallett


SEEMS LIKE I'VE SPENT EVERY NEW YEAR OF MY LIFE TRYING TO BEGIN A BEHAVIOR I DIDN'T ESPECIALLY WANT TO BEGIN.
IT MIGHT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE TO GIVE MYSELF PERMISSION TO QUIT A BEHAVIOR I'VE BEEN WANTING TO QUIT.
BUT WHAT?
MAYBE ONE WILL COME UP.

NON SEQUITUR By Wiley


AND PLEASE... NO FIGURE EIGHTS THIS TIME
THE ULTIMATE WINTER SPORT
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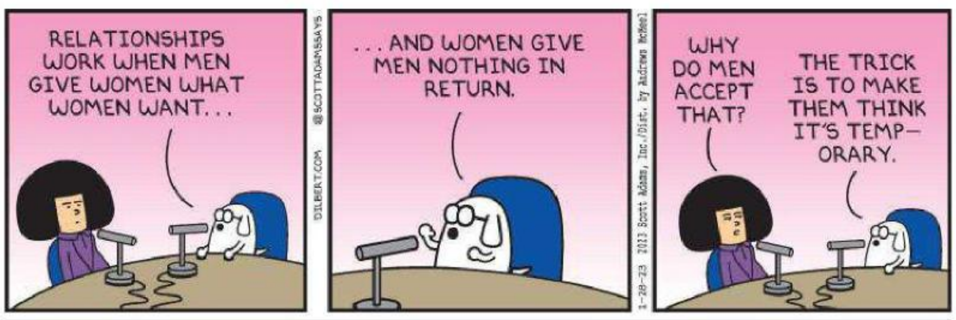
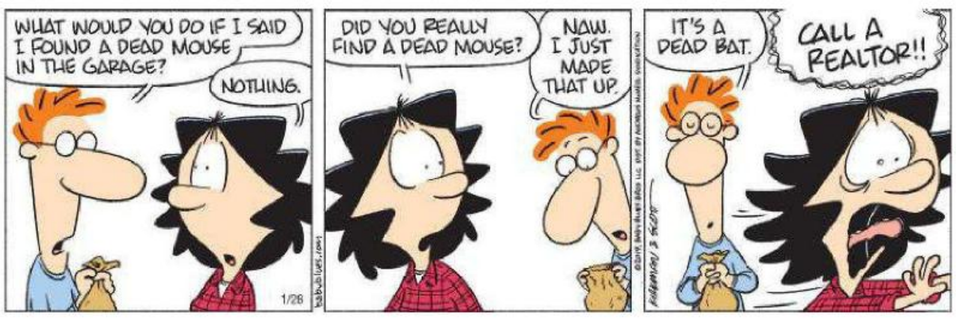
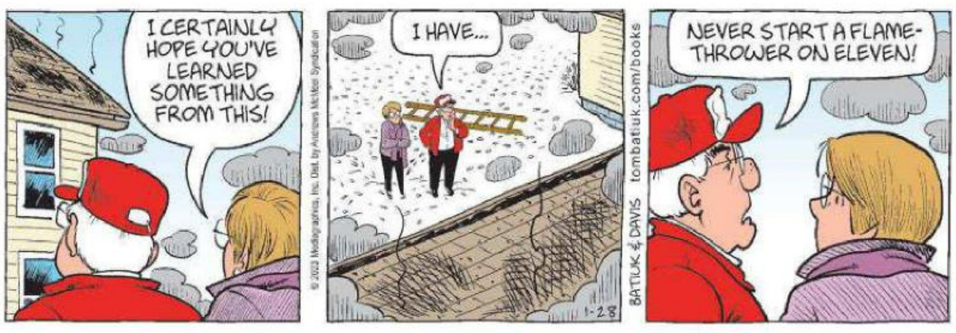
DILBERT By Scott Adams


RELATIONSHIPS WORK WHEN MEN GIVE WOMEN WHAT WOMEN WANT...
...AND WOMEN GIVE MEN NOTHING IN RETURN.
WHY DO MEN ACCEPT THAT?
THE TRICK IS TO MAKE THEM THINK IT'S TEMPORARY.

BABY BLUES By Jerry Scott & Rick Kirkman


WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF I SAID I FOUND A DEAD MOUSE IN THE GARAGE?
NOTHING.
DID YOU REALLY FIND A DEAD MOUSE?
NAW. I JUST MADE THAT UP.
IT'S A DEAD BAT.
CALL A REALTOR!!

CRANKSHAFT By Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers


I CERTAINLY HOPE YOU'VE LEARNED SOMETHING FROM THIS!
I HAVE...
NEVER START A FLAME-THROWER ON ELEVEN!
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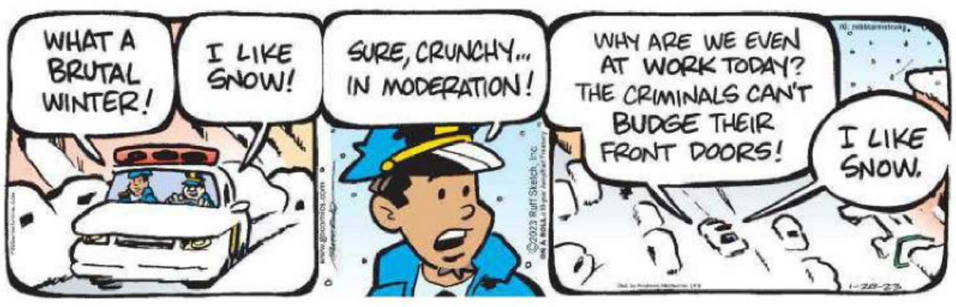
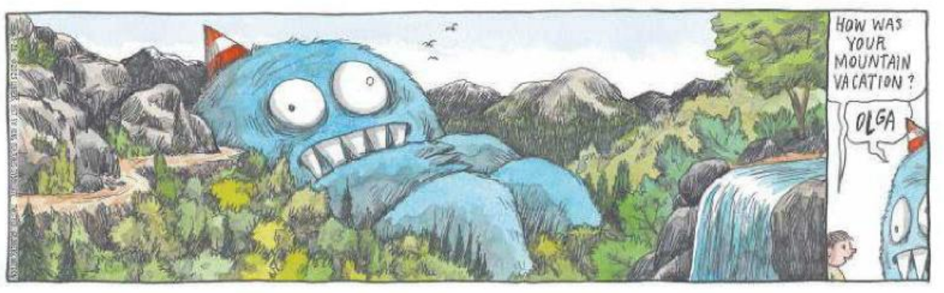
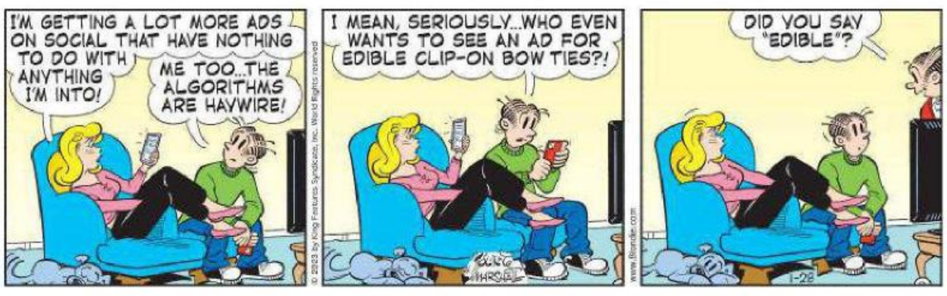
JUMP START By Robb Armstrong


WHAT A BRUTAL WINTER!
I LIKE SNOW!
SURE, CRUNCHY... IN MODERATION!
WHY ARE WE EVEN AT WORK TODAY? THE CRIMINALS CAN'T BUDGE THEIR FRONT DOORS!
I LIKE SNOW.

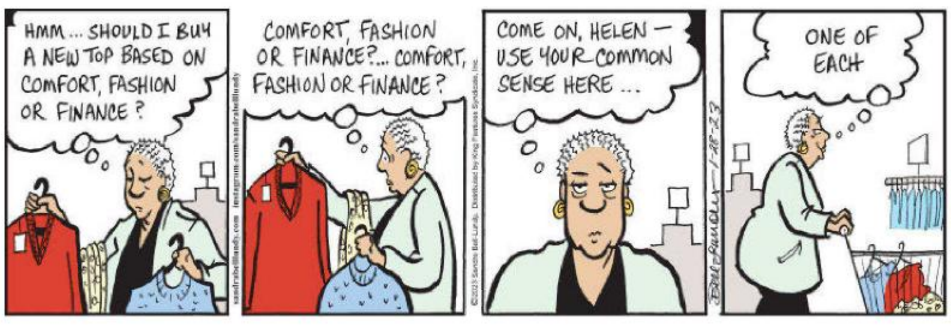
MACANUDO By Liniers


HOW WAS YOUR MOUNTAIN VACATION?
OLGA

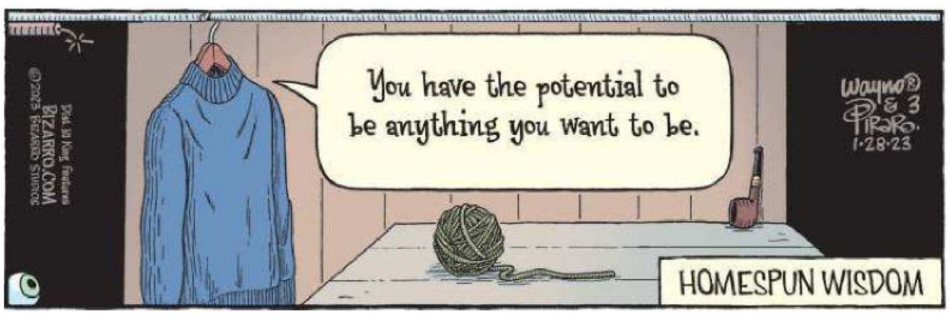
BLONDIE By Dean Young & John Marshall


I'M GETTING A LOT MORE ADS ON SOCIAL THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING I'M INTO!
ME TOO...THE ALGORITHMS ARE HAYWIRE!
I MEAN, SERIOUSLY...WHO EVEN WANTS TO SEE AN AD FOR EDIBLE CLIP-ON BOW TIES?!
DID YOU SAY "EDIBLE"?

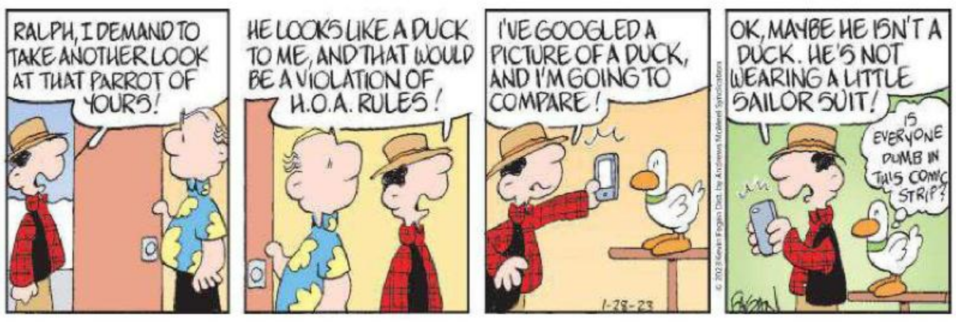
BETWEEN FRIENDS By Sandra Bell-Lundy


HMM ... SHOULD I BUY A NEW TOP BASED ON COMFORT, FASHION OR FINANCE ?
COMFORT, FASHION OR FINANCE?... COMFORT, FASHION OR FINANCE ?
COME ON, HELEN — USE YOUR COMMON SENSE HERE ...
ONE OF EACH

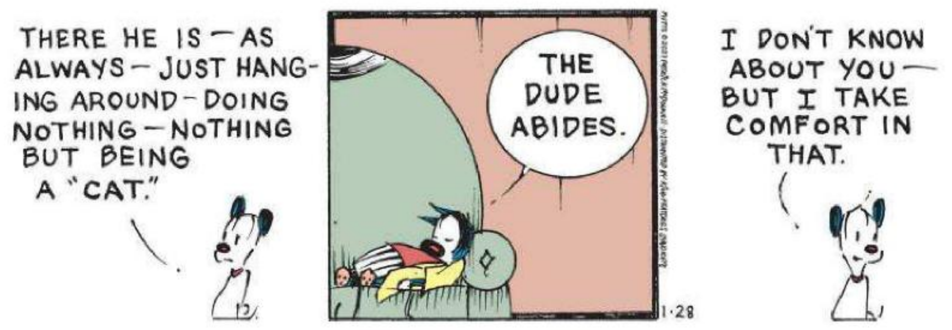
BIZARRO By Wayno and Piraro


You have the potential to be anything you want to be.
Wayno & 3 Piraro 1-28-23
HOMESPUN WISDOM

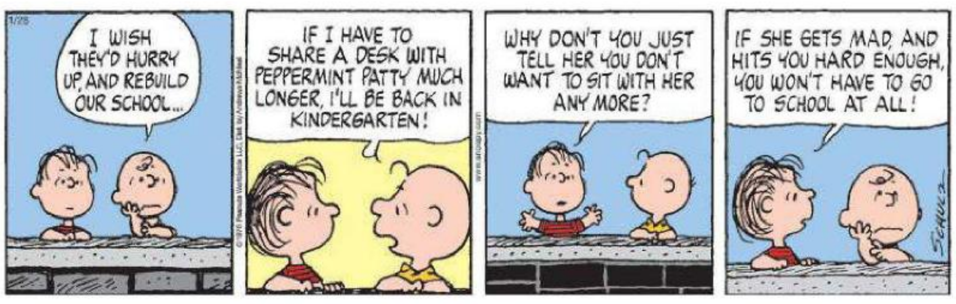
DRABBLE By Kevin Fagan


RALPH, I DEMAND TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THAT PARROT OF YOURS!
HE LOOKS LIKE A DUCK TO ME, AND THAT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF H.O.A. RULES!
I'VE GOOGLED A PICTURE OF A DUCK, AND I'M GOING TO COMPARE!
OK, MAYBE HE ISN'T A DUCK. HE'S NOT WEARING A LITTLE SAILOR SUIT!
IS EVERYONE DUMB IN THIS COMIC STRIP?

MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell


THERE HE IS — AS ALWAYS — JUST HANGING AROUND — DOING NOTHING — NOTHING BUT BEING A "CAT."
THE DUDE ABIDES.
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU — BUT I TAKE COMFORT IN THAT.

PEANUTS By Charles M. Schulz


I WISH THEY'D HURRY UP AND REBUILD OUR SCHOOL...
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THE WEATHER

Today in Southern California

Morning clouds at the coast: Onshore flow is expected to be stronger across the region today with more extensive low clouds along the coast in the morning, but sun will dominate in most places in the afternoon. As the marine air intrudes more tonight, we'll see a bit of rain and drizzle begin. Expect a little rain and drizzle Sunday then showers Sunday night and Monday with snow in the mountains.

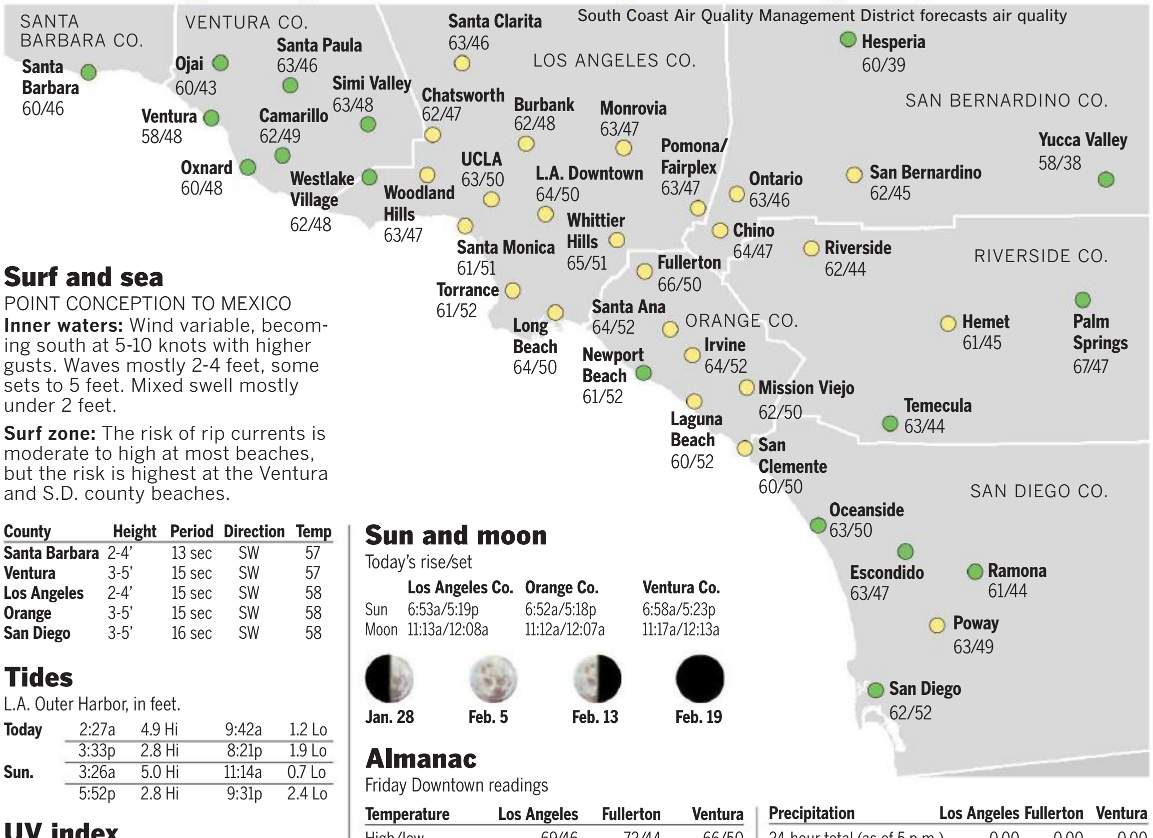
5-day forecasts

High/low temperatures are average forecasts for entire zone.

	L.A. Basin		Valleys		Beaches		Mountains		Deserts	
Today	64|50 Partly sunny		62|48 Partly sunny; cool		61|51 Partly sunny		45|24 Mostly sunny		67|47 Mostly sunny	
Sunday	Rain	56/44	Rain	53/42	Rain	52/42	A shower	36/23	Partly sunny	64/46
Monday	Showers	55/42	Showers	52/43	Showers	56/40	Snow, 1-3"	28/12	Showers	58/47
Tuesday	Sunny; cool	63/42	Sunny; cool	60/39	Sunny; cool	61/38	Very cold	30/12	Mostly sunny	65/43
Wednesday	Mostly sunny	64/44	Mostly sunny	62/44	Mostly sunny	61/40	Mostly sunny	40/19	Sunny	67/46

Air quality

● Good ● Moderate Unhealthful for: ● Sensitive people ● All ○ Not Available



Surf and sea

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Inner waters: Wind variable, becoming south at 5-10 knots with higher gusts. Waves mostly 2-4 feet, some sets to 5 feet. Mixed swell mostly under 2 feet.

Surf zone: The risk of rip currents is moderate to high at most beaches, but the risk is highest at the Ventura and S.D. county beaches.

County	Height	Period	Direction	Temp
Santa Barbara	2-4'	13 sec	SW	57
Ventura	3-5'	15 sec	SW	57
Los Angeles	2-4'	15 sec	SW	58
Orange	3-5'	15 sec	SW	58
San Diego	3-5'	16 sec	SW	58

Tides

L.A. Outer Harbor, in feet.

Today	2:27a	4.9 Hi	9:42a	1.2 Lo
	3:33p	2.8 Hi	8:21p	1.9 Lo
Sun.	3:26a	5.0 Hi	11:14a	0.7 Lo
	5:52p	2.8 Hi	9:31p	2.4 Lo

UV index

Minutes to burn for sensitive people

Las Vegas, 45	Phoenix, 45
Los Angeles, 45	San Francisco, 60

Sun and moon

Today's rise/set

	Los Angeles Co.	Orange Co.	Ventura Co.
Sun	6:53a/5:19p	6:52a/5:18p	6:58a/5:23p
Moon	11:13a/12:08a	11:12a/12:07a	11:17a/12:13a

Almanac

Friday Downtown readings

Temperature	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
High/low	69/46	72/44	66/50
Normal high/low	68/49	69/47	66/44
High/low a year ago	70/46	73/42	73/53
Record high/date	87/1986	82/2012	83/1971
Record low/date	32/1898	41/2009	34/1949

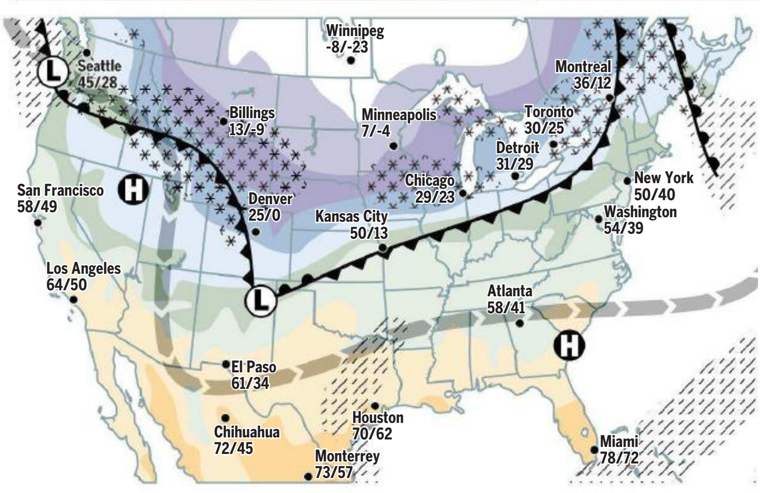
Precipitation	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
24-hour total (as of 5 p.m.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Season total (since Oct. 1)	13.01	10.94	13.33
Last season (Oct. 1 to date)	10.36	5.47	9.54
Season norm (Oct. 1 to date)	6.75	5.58	7.57
Humidity (high/low)	60/19	57/18	80/34

California cities

	Friday			Today		Sunday	
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Anaheim	74	48	--	65	49	55	45
Avalon/Catalina	63	52	--	55	44	50	45
Bakersfield	63	38	--	59	40	53	41
Barstow	63	34	--	62	38	60	38
Big Bear Lake	53	16	--	45	24	36	23
Bishop	59	17	--	53	26	49	28
Burbank	69	41	--	62	48	55	42
Camarillo	65	37	--	62	49	57	42
Chatsworth	72	41	--	62	47	52	41
Chino	69	35	--	64	47	56	46
Compton	69	41	--	64	50	55	44
Dana Point	63	41	--	59	51	55	48
Death Valley	68	42	--	66	47	67	50
Del Mar	68	47	--	61	50	59	49
Escondido	71	41	--	63	47	54	47
Eureka	51	40	--	51	39	52	25
Fallbrook	70	47	--	62	47	54	43
Fresno	63	37	--	60	41	50	39
Fullerton	72	44	--	66	50	57	47
Hemet	68	31	--	61	45	51	43
Hesperia	61	27	--	60	39	48	34
Huntington Beach	68	39	--	62	52	56	48
Idyllwild	59	25	--	50	35	42	33
Irvine	69	40	--	64	52	57	46
L.A. D'ntown/USC	69	46	--	64	50	56	44
L.A. Int'l. Airport	67	45	--	62	51	56	45
Laguna Beach	65	38	--	60	52	55	49
Lancaster	68	26	--	60	43	51	30
Long Beach	71	44	--	64	50	57	46
Mammoth Lakes	32	-6	--	38	20	31	15
Mission Viejo	72	40	--	62	50	55	46
Monrovia	69	41	--	63	47	53	41
Monterey	58	41	--	57	46	52	37
Mt. Wilson	58	42	--	44	34	38	25
Needles	64	39	--	64	41	65	44
Newport Beach	xx	xx	xx	61	52	57	47
Northridge	73	41	--	63	49	53	41
Oakland	57	40	--	58	46	54	39
Oceanside	66	33	--	63	50	57	48
Ojai	71	32	--	60	43	54	35
Ontario	67	40	--	63	46	53	44
Palm Springs	69	43	--	67	47	64	46
Pasadena	72	46	--	63	48	53	42
Paso Robles	64	32	--	61	40	51	37
Redding	58	35	--	61	39	55	40
Riverside	66	32	--	62	44	52	43
Sacramento	61	34	--	59	41	48	34
San Bernardino	68	38	--	62	45	51	42
San Diego	66	42	--	62	52	58	50
San Francisco	58	45	--	58	49	53	42
San Gabriel	xx	xx	--	65	50	53	42
San Jose	63	39	--	59	46	54	36
San Luis Obispo	68	36	--	61	43	53	40
Santa Ana	68	46	--	64	52	59	49
Santa Barbara	66	38	--	60	46	58	42
Santa Clarita	70	39	--	63	46	51	39
Santa Monica Pier	66	45	--	61	51	52	42
Santa Paula	68	39	--	63	46	54	39
Santa Rosa	63	32	--	59	38	56	34
Simi Valley	70	43	--	63	48	51	39
Tahoe Valley	46	2	Tr	43	22	31	18
Temecula	69	34	--	63	44	51	42
Thousand Oaks	67	49	--	63	49	54	39
Torrance	72	39	--	61	52	55	46
UCLA	xx	xx	--	63	50	56	44
Van Nuys	72	42	--	64	49	56	41
Ventura	66	50	--	58	48	51	43
Whittier Hills	73	43	--	65	51	53	44
Woodland Hills	74	35	--	63	47	55	41
Wrightwood	56	30	--	48	34	36	28
Yorba Linda	72	44	--	64	50	53	48
Yosemite Valley	52	28	--	43	24	31	17

Today in North America

Snow from the Rockies to the Midwest: As snow showers occur over the Northeast, a new batch of snow will push eastward from the central Plains to the Great Lakes today. Snow will linger over parts of the northern Rockies as showers collect along the Northwest coast.



U.S. cities

FRIDAY'S EXTREMES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES

High 73 in Marathon, Fla. **Low** –16 in Angel Fire, N.M.

	Friday			Today		
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Sky
Albany	36	27	.02	43	26	Cy
Albuquerque	43	17	--	50	25	Su
Anchorage	29	26	Tr	33	26	Pc
Aspen	22	12	.01	26	12	Sn
Atlanta	52	31	--	58	41	Pc
Austin	56	27	--	67	59	Sh
Baltimore	45	29	--	54	37	Pc
Boise	44	35	--	39	20	Cy
Boston	42	31	--	50	34	Pc
Buffalo	30	27	.31	34	29	Sf
Burlington, Vt.	35	21	Tr	39	25	Sn
Charleston, S.C.	55	35	--	60	41	Su
Charlotte	50	26	--	58	37	Su
Chicago	36	13	.04	29	23	Sn
Cincinnati	44	19	.02	51	42	Cy
Cleveland	36	25	.03	38	34	Cy
Columbia, S.C.	51	29	--	60	34	Su
Columbus	39	24	.02	47	41	Cy
Dallas/Ft.Worth	63	31	--	62	40	Cy
Denver	40	22	--	25	0	Sn
Detroit	32	21	.01	31	29	Sf
El Paso	54	20	--	61	34	Pc
Eugene	49	38	.06	46	27	R
Fort Myers	66	53	Tr	79	65	Su
Hartford	43	24	--	48	30	Pc
Honolulu	81	69	--	77	67	R
Houston	56	35	--	70	62	Sh
Indianapolis	41	19	Tr	47	40	Cy
Jacksonville, Fla.	59	34	--	62	47	Pc
Kansas City	50	17	--	50	13	Pc
Knoxville	47	26	--	54	39	Pc
Las Vegas	57	36	--	57	39	Su
Louisville	53	25	Tr	57	44	Pc
Medford	53	28	Tr	48	31	Cy
Memphis	57	30	--	55	51	Pc
Miami	72	63	Tr	78	72	Cy
Milwaukee	37	12	.01	27	20	Sn
Minneapolis	33	11	.14	7	-4	Cy
Nashville	55	25	--	59	45	Pc
New Orleans	60	39	--	69	59	Pc
New York	44	35	--	50	40	Pc
Norfolk	47	33	--	57	37	Su
Oklahoma City	56	32	--	60	19	Cy
Omaha	41	26	Tr	26	-1	Sn
Orlando	66	45	--	73	60	Su
Philadelphia	43	34	--	51	37	Pc
Phoenix	64	39	--	65	40	Su
Pittsburgh	32	25	Tr	44	38	Cy
Portland, Ore.	52	44	.05	46	29	R
Providence	43	27	--	51	31	Pc
Raleigh/Durham	52	30	--	59	36	Su
Reno	50	22	--	46	26	Pc
Richmond	48	27	--	58	36	Su
St. Louis	55	25	--	56	27	Pc
Salt Lake City	40	31	.01	41	30	Sn
Seattle	48	41	.12	45	28	R
Tampa	66	48	--	71	62	Pc
Tucson	64	32	--	67	39	Su
Tulsa	59	38	--	58	21	W
Washington, D.C.	47	32	--	54	39	Pc
Wichita	54	28	--	52	12	Su

World

	Friday			Today		
City	Hi	Lo	Prcp.	Hi	Lo	Sky
Acapulco	86	69	--	86	70	Su
Amsterdam	41	38	--	42	37	Pc
Athens	57	43	.02	57	46	Cy
Bangkok	90	71	Tr	85	66	Pc
Barcelona	50	37	--	50	37	Su
Berlin	37	30	.13	34	28	Pc
Cabo San Lucas	77	54	--	74	50	Pc
Cairo	79	54	--	77	57	Pc
Dubai	66	59	.40	70	57	Pc
Dublin	45	32	--	47	40	Cy
Havana	73	69	.02	85	67	Sh
Ho Chi Minh City	91	75	.14	91	71	Cy
Hong Kong	62	60	--	59	47	Su
Istanbul	55	50	.18	49	38	Cy
Jerusalem	65	43	--	69	46	Pc
Johannesburg	82	55	--	90	64	Su
Kuala Lumpur	89	75	.20	83	73	R
Lima	77	69	--	78	69	Pc
London	45	39	--	44	38	Su
Madrid	47	27	--	50	27	Su
Mecca	89	61	--	88	67	Su
Mexico City	76	43	--	77	45	Su
Montreal	27	10	.12	36	12	Sn
Moscow	28	26	.23	30	24	Cy
Mumbai	91	70	--	88	71	Hz
New Delhi	66	46	--	70	51	Hz
Paris	41	39	.14	39	27	Pc
Prague	30	27	.14	30	18	Cy
Rome	54	37	--	52	34	Su
Seoul	37	10	--	33	15	Pc
Singapore	88	75	.01	84	74	R
Taipei City	56	55	--	55	50	Sh
Tokyo	55	37	.40	47	34	W
Vancouver	46	41	.07	46	23	Cy
Vienna	33	32	.21	33	28	Cy

Key: Su sunny; **Pc** partly cloudy; **Cy** cloudy; **Fg** foggy; **Prcp** precipitation; **Dr** drizzle; **Hz** hazy **Sh** showers; **Ts** thunderstorms; **R** rain; **Sn** snow; **Sf** snow flurries; **I** ice; **Rs** rain/snow; **W** windy; **Tr** trace. **Notes:** National extremes exclude Alaska and Hawaii. Missing data indicated by "xx". Friday's readings as of 5 p.m.

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Notre Dame turns back Sierra Canyon

Freshman White hits key shot and Stromer finishes with 22 points to lead Knights' win.

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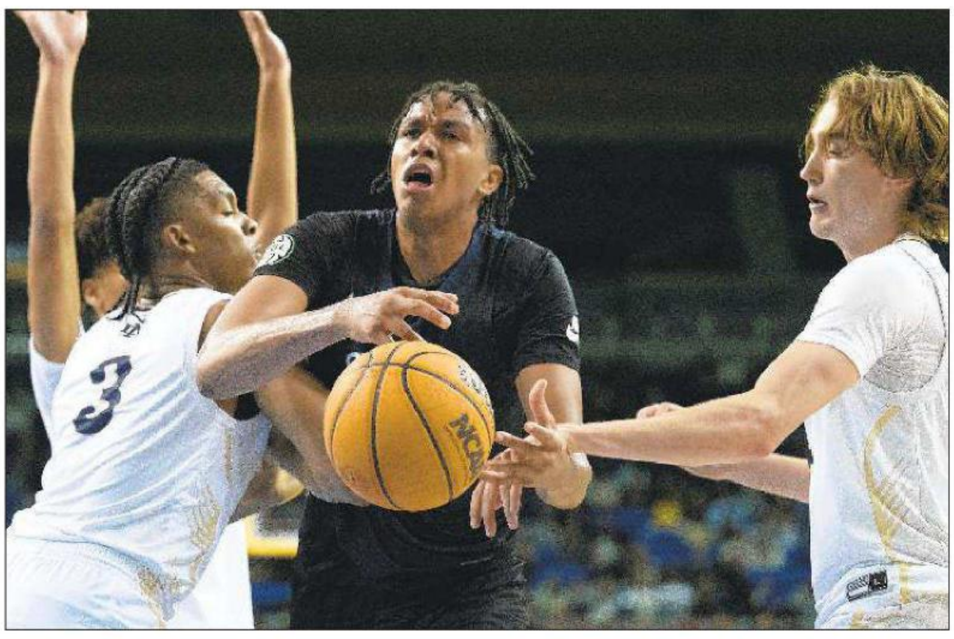
SIERRA CANYON 62

By Luca Evans



Kyusung Gong For The Times

SIERRA CANYON'S Ashton Hardaway, center, loses the ball as Notre Dame defenders converge during a Mission League game at Pauley Pavilion.

Caleb Foster and Dusty Stromer walked out from the Pauley Pavilion tunnel side-by-side a couple of hours before tipoff, taking a moment to gaze out at the Bruin-blue swath of empty seats that would soon be full with thousands. They smiled. Their eyes widened.

It was fitting. Four years ago, Stromer entered a Sherman Oaks Notre Dame program gutted by the transfer of star Ziaire Williams to Sierra Canyon, hope waning after a decade of mediocrity. But coach Matt Sargeant and his golden-haired freshman had a vision of building a program that could play with the best. That could attract talent. And in came Foster and Mercy Miller from Oak Hill Academy in Virginia before the season, forming a three-headed offensive monster with Stromer that promised to take the program to new heights.

And the grandest opportunity loomed Friday night: an ESPN-streamed showcase at Pauley Pavilion against none other than Chatsworth Sierra Canyon, the program that had drawn Williams all those years ago.

"Now we're here," Sargeant said. "Now it's time to win."

And with seconds ticking away and Sierra Canyon (19-5) mounting a furious fourth-quarter surge, it wasn't Stromer or Foster who delivered the final blow in a 66-62 win — but freshman Zach White, who drove and elevated for a mid-range jumper to seal the statement win Notre Dame has been craving all season.

As White climbed down from the interview podium in Pauley's media room postgame, Stromer called out.

"Good shot, boy," the senior drawled. "That was really crazy."

Yes. Crazy. Crazy in the night — which started with Notre Dame (18-8) hitting threes, saw Sierra Canyon use every last ounce of heart to cut a fourth-quarter lead to six and four and two, and ended in a freshman nailing a go-ahead jumper. Crazy in the environment where the crowd of 7,846 that packed the lower section at Pauley Pavilion swell with every back-and-forth make.

And crazy for Sargeant, who remembered holding team lunches every Tuesday with Stromer for four years, going over the legendary John Wooden's "Pyramid of Success."

"To play like this, in the very gym John Wooden built … it's just, it's the kind of stuff you write books about," Sargeant said postgame.

Sierra Canyon seemed finished by the third quarter, when Stromer scored 11 of his 22 points and Trailblazers junior top scorer Isaiah Elohim exited with an injured ankle. He finished the night on the bench, the worst imaginable sight for the Trailblazers, who were already missing senior leader Bronny James to a knee injury for the fourth straight game and junior Justin Pippen to back spasms.

But in a gritty performance, they answered the Knights at every fourth-quarter turn. And with time ticking under a minute, junior Noah Williams spun for a third-quarter left-handed layup to cut Notre Dame's lead to two points with less than a minute left. But White sealed it with his jumper and delivered the statement Notre Dame was looking for.

"This one right here was a big test," Stromer said.

Vázquez facing difficult decision: Team U.S. or Mexico?

[**USMNT,** from B12]

of Redondo Beach looking for a coffee shop — presumably one that served pancakes. "If having a fever means [I'll] score every game, it doesn't feel good at all. So maybe not."

Vázquez, 24, does have a choice to make, though it's not necessarily food related. He was born in Chula Vista, in sight of the Mexican border his parents crossed to provide a better life for their family, and, as a dual national, he is eligible to play for either national team. Wednesday's game, a friendly, didn't tie Vázquez to the U.S. and the same is true of Saturday's matinee match with Colombia at a sold-out Dignity Health Sports Park.

But at some point, he'll have to pick either Mexico or the U.S. and, unlike choosing between pancakes and a fever for his pregame preparation, this choice is difficult because he has great affinity for both countries.

His mother and father are from Guadalajara and Vázquez's first soccer shirt was a Chivas jersey. His first language was Spanish, he ate little else but Mexican food (no pancakes) at home and he started his career in the academy system with Tijuana of Mexico's Liga MX.

But when Mexico left him off its roster for the CONCACAF U-17 championship in 2015, he joined an American team that featured Luca de la Torre, Christian Pulisic, Tyler Adams and Haji Wright, all of whom played for the U.S. in last month's World Cup in Qatar.

Soccer friendly

U.S. vs. Colombia
When: Today, 4:30 p.m.
Where: Dignity Health Sports Park
TV: TNT, KVEA

Vázquez believes he should have been with them. Instead, he was never called into camp.

"I felt like I had done everything to put myself in the best position to go, but of course, it's out of my control," he said. "Now this year, starting fresh, I just wanted to step on the field and do what I know how to do best, and that's score goals. I'll let my play do the talking for me, you know?"

So far, that plan seems to be working, with his senior international debut drawing rave reviews.

"I was really impressed with him," interim U.S. coach Anthony Hudson said of Vázquez. "He made some really good runs in the box. He got into some good areas. I was really pleased."

Hudson's job now is to convince Vázquez — and other dual nationals such as Mexican American forward Alejandro Zendejas — that his future is with the U.S. But ultimately, the coach said, it is Vázquez's choice and hounding him about it wouldn't make it any easier.

"All we can do is do our best to put on a professional camp, prepare the team well. Make them feel special, help them understand what it means to represent this national team and who we are, make them feel included in the group," Hudson said. "We really like him. We value him. I'd love if he chose to come to us.

"But we certainly won't be putting any pressure on him."

And Vázquez says he doesn't feel any because he doesn't have to make that decision right now. In the meantime, he's concentrating on playing well enough to be wanted.

"What's only on my mind right now is performing well every time I step on the field," he said. "All the other stuff, I'm taking every step at a time, enjoying the moment. I'm trying not to think about what's going to happen in the future. I'm just enjoying the process."

There are some factors that could weigh in the U.S. team's favor though. On Dec. 12, Vázquez married Jessica Fleck, whom he began dating during his second MLS season with Atlanta United. He said his rapport with teammates is also important and because he's never played for Mexico, that would appear to be another mark in the U.S. column.

"There's a lot that goes into it," he said. "But for sure having teammates that you have good chemistry with is probably the most important part."

Then there's the secret weapon: pancakes.

"I don't think I've ever had pancakes in Mexico," Vázquez said.

Exactly.

UCLA needs to just move on

[**UCLA,** from B12]
end of the 2020-21 season.

"We're overachieving," Cronin said at that point. "They're giving everything they got. My fear is they run out of gas."

Those Bruins went on to drop another game, against Oregon State in the Pac-12 tournament. What happened next? UCLA rolled off five consecutive victories in the NCAA tournament as part of a remarkable run from the First Four to the Final Four.

These Bruins need a few fixes to make that sort of postseason push, but some perspective is a good place to start. No season ends with two straight losses in late January.

UCLA leads Utah by half a game in the Pac-12 standings at the midpoint of conference play. Everything it wants to achieve this season remains in play. Here are five things the Bruins must do to win their first Pac-12 regular-season title in a decade:

Stop stagnating

For two consecutive games against its rival, UCLA has acted like it had no idea what to do when the Trojans made a big run.

The only thing that went right in the second half Thursday was broadcaster Bill Walton extending his long arms over his head along to "Y.M.C.A." during a timeout.

The Bruins' offense continued to be a mess. Jaylen Clark missed all seven shots, including several one-handed runners that Cronin said he wants him to stop taking. Adem Bona threw two bad passes that went for turnovers early in the second half, part of a horrid stretch in which UCLA committed five turnovers in eight minutes while making only two of seven shots to fuel the Trojans' comeback.

Too often, the Bruins found themselves searching for tough shots late in the shot clock. Jaime Jaquez Jr. made a few, including a baseline jumper, but that's not a winning formula in tight games.

Someone needs to lead this team when things go wrong. One candidate emerged after the game.

"I have to be the one to step up," senior guard David Singleton said. "I take accountability for how we play. I got to talk more. I got to keep us together."

Set the rotation

Now that Amari Bailey is back, Cronin needs to establish a consistent rotation.

Those efforts were complicated Thursday by the absence of freshman guard Dylan Andrews, who was too sick to practice the previous day. Once Andrews returns, a more reliable rotation needs to be set.

Cronin is famous for yanking underperforming players, but a more consistent usage pattern with the reserves could help them find a better rhythm than they have shown in scattershot minutes this season. The familiarity of the same players being on the court together for more minutes can only help.

It's understandable that Cronin wants Jaquez and Tyger Campbell, his best two players, on the court as long as possible. But they continue to show signs of fatigue late in games, Campbell not getting much lift on a shot that was blocked late Thursday and Jaquez missing some shots he usually makes.

One solution would be to let the reserves play a few more minutes in the first half, which would not only rest the starters but allow the Bruins to maintain a defensive intensity that has ebbed recently.

Remember their identity

Everything the Bruins do well starts with defense.

It kept them in the game against Arizona last weekend when shots weren't falling and provided a 12-point halftime lead Thursday against USC.

But their inability to sustain intensity on that end of the court cost them against the Trojans and could lead to an early exit in the NCAA tournament. Given its lack of pure shooters, UCLA is going to struggle with talented teams unless its offense is bolstered by the easy transition baskets that come from forcing turnovers.

The Bruins forced only two in the second half Thursday. That's not going to get it done.

"We just got out-toughed," Jaquez said. "I mean, it's the truth."

Work on post feeds

As a freshman, Bona is going to endure some struggles. It's predictable and forgivable.

The issue is when his teammates stop looking for him down low, it's like playing four on five. It appeared that UCLA had solved its post feed dilemma a few weeks ago by reliably finding ways to get its 6-foot-10 center the ball, but that issue has reemerged.

The answer is twofold. Bona must do a better job of sealing defenders and his teammates need to find more ways to get him the ball cleanly.

The Bruins' offense goes to the next level whenever Bona is actively involved around the basket.

Exhale … and move on

Adversity is inevitable in any season. Moving on quickly is what's important.

Take a long walk. Go see a funny movie. Phone a friend.

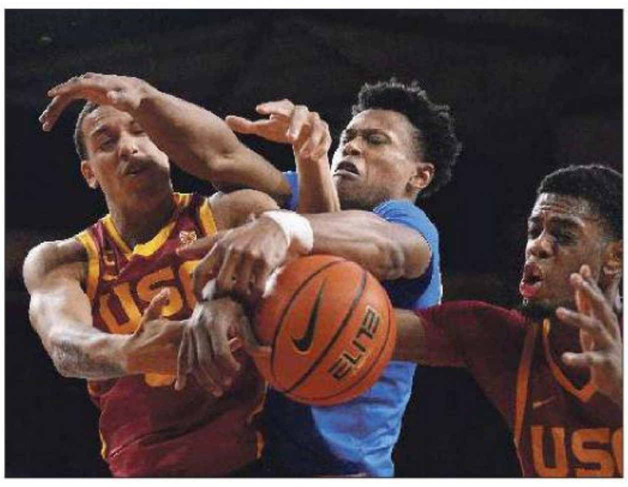
Yes, the Bruins are going to drop in the national rankings and NCAA tournament projections.

Life will go on. A No. 1 or No. 2 seed remains in play. Now they must finish strong.

Win every game left on the schedule, including that early March showdown with Arizona at Pauley Pavilion. Make at least the championship game in the Pac-12 tournament.

Recapture the relentlessness from earlier in the season. Everything else should fall into place.

"It's not the end of the world," Singleton said. "We got games left. So we're just going to push each other to get each other better."



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USC forwards Kobe Johnson and Joshua Morgan, right, battle UCLA's Jaylen Clark for a rebound.

PAC-12 STANDINGS

	Conf.		Overall	
TEAM	W	L	W	L
UCLA	8	2	17	4
Utah	8	3	15	7
Arizona	7	3	18	3
USC	7	3	15	6
Arizona State	6	4	15	6
Oregon	6	4	12	9
Washington	5	6	13	9
Colorado	4	7	12	10
Washington State	4	7	9	13
Stanford	2	7	8	12
California	2	7	3	17
Oregon State	2	8	8	13

TODAY'S GAMES

Arizona at Washington, 2:30 p.m.
Arizona State at Washington State, 5 p.m.
Utah at Oregon, 5 p.m.
California at Stanford, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Oregon State, 7:30 p.m.

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DONOVAN DENT and Josiah Allick of New Mexico block a shot from Nikc Jackson of Air Force.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

Eighth-ranked Bruins derailed in overtime

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Kindyll Wetta made a corner three-pointer with 2.1 seconds left in overtime to break a tie and No. 25 Colorado improved to 3-0 against ranked teams at home with a 73-70 victory over No. 8 UCLA on Friday night.

Quay Miller had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Jaylyn Sherrod added 18 points and six assists.

The Buffaloes (16-4, 7-2 Pac-12) beat UCLA for the third straight time after losing 10 straight to the Bruins.

Freshman Londynn Jones scored 14 points for the Bruins (17-4, 6-3).

at No. 9 Utah 83, USC 73: Alissa Pili scored 21 points and Kennedy McQueen added 17 behind five three-pointers to lead Utah (17-2, 7-2 Pac-12). Gianna Kneepkens added 16 points for Utah, which shot 53% from the field and outscored USC (15-5, 5-4) 42-26 in the paint.

at No. 3 Stanford 63, Oregon State 60: Cameron Brink had 21 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks and Haley Jones added 17 points as the Cardinal (21-2, 9-1 Pac-12) outlasted the Beavers, who got 16 points on seven-for-11 shooting from Timea Gardiner.

Men

No. 25 New Mexico 81, Air Force 73: Jamal Mashburn Jr. scored 24 points and Jaelen House had 19 points and six steals for the Lobos (19-3, 6-3 Mountain West). Morris Edeze added 15 points and eight rebounds.

Results

MEN'S TOP 25
No. 25 New Mexico 81, Air Force 73

WOMEN'S TOP 25
No. 3 Stanford 63, Oregon State 60
No. 25 Colorado 73, No. 8 UCLA 70 (OT)
No. 9 Utah 83, USC 73
No. 19 Arizona 61, Washington 54

SOUTHLAND

MEN TODAY

UC Davis at Long Beach State	1 p.m.
Cal Baptist at Texas Rio Grande Valley	4:30 p.m.
UC San Diego at UC Riverside	5 p.m.
Cal State Northridge at UC Irvine	6 p.m.
Cal State Fullerton at Cal Poly	7 p.m.
Pepperdine at Loyola Marymount	8 p.m.

Hachimura already fitting in with Lakers

[**Lakers,** from B12]
that his new teammate "was able to do it all."

"Any time I played against him in Washington, he made an impact on the game on both ends of the floor," Davis said. "And tonight, we tried to feature him. A lot of post-ups knowing that he can do it all. Really good midrange shooter. Can get to the basket. Has a back-to-the-basket game. Face-up. Can shoot the ball."

Hachimura first checked into the game with 4 minutes 22 seconds left in the first quarter, coming onto the court with Davis, who also was a reserve in his first game back.

After missing his first three shots, Hachimura made a 16-foot jumper with eight minutes left in the second quarter.

Then came the enlightening moment for him, when Hachimura filled the lane on the fast break later in the second, took a pass from James, fumbled it and recovered the ball to score on a layup.

Hachimura smiled after the basket and slapped hands with James as he ran back on defense.

"Yeah, just enjoying the moment," Hachimura said. "I like to play fast. Obviously, here, the Lakers, we like to play fast. I think it's a great fit for me. I like to run. Everybody can pass. Everybody can push the ball. So, I can push the ball. So, I think it's great."

Hachimura played 21:31 and produced 12 points on four-for-seven shooting, one of three on three-pointers. He had six rebounds and one assist.

He left an impression.

MARK J. TERRILL Associated Press

RUI HACHIMURA had 12 points and six rebounds in his debut with the Lakers.

"The kid plays the right way," Ham said. "He's another one that's able to score at three levels, whether it's catch-and-shoot three, post-up. I called his number a couple of times to get him the ball in the post. He's got a good midrange game and when he goes to the rim, he goes hard, as we saw on the one play he tried to dunk. He drew the foul call. … But Rui is a kid, he's just out there to play the right way and just watching him over the years, he's a seamless fit."

Hachimura found a groove in the fourth quarter, displaying all of his skills.

He drilled a three-pointer, found James for an assist, scored in the post on a turn-around jumper and was fouled while in the post again, making one of two free throws.

"We looked over a little bit of the plays and defense and stuff this morning," he said. "But yeah, today, for me, I think I did pretty good. I fit in pretty good with those guys. I think the players, play calls were so easy. And yeah, we were just out there hooping. So yeah, I think it was good."

Davis joked that some of the plays that featured Hachimura in the post had been for him in the past and that he was told, "AD, you go in the corner."

"But we just kept running it," Davis said. "I was telling the guys to keep going to it, the action where Rui goes in the post. Just tell him, 'If they don't double, you don't pass. You go to work.' So, he got going. Made a turnaround, then got fouled. He can really, really help us on both ends of the floor. Obviously, him getting acclimated with the team is going to take time. But tonight, it looked like he was able to fit in really well."

The Lakers, who are 23-26 and one game out of a spot in the play-in tournament, will know more about Hachimura's fit with the team after a grueling five-game trip that includes back-to-back games Monday and Tuesday against Brooklyn and New York before finishing with games at Indianapolis on Thursday and New Orleans on Feb. 4.

NBA STANDINGS

Standings have been arranged to reflect how the teams will be determined for the playoffs. Teams are ranked 1-15 by record. The top six teams in each conference qualify for the playoffs. Teams seven through 10 will participate in a play-in tournament with the top-seeded play-in team meeting the lowest qualifying play-in team. The next-lowest qualifying team would play the second, etc. Head-to-head competition is the first of several tiebreakers, followed by conference record. (Western Conference divisions: S-Southwest; P-Pacific; N-Northwest; Eastern Conference divisions: A-Atlantic; C-Central; S-Southeast).

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.
1. Denver	34	15	.694		8-2	N1
2. Memphis	31	18	.633	3	5-5	S1
3. Sacramento	27	20	.574	6	7-3	P1
4. New Orleans	26	23	.531	8	2-8	S2
5. CLIPPERS	27	24	.529	8	6-4	P2
6. Dallas	26	24	.520	8½	3-7	S3
7. Golden State	25	24	.510	9	5-5	P3
7. Minnesota	26	25	.510	9	6-4	N2
9. Phoenix	25	25	.500	9½	5-5	P4
10. Oklahoma City	24	25	.490	10	7-3	N4
10. Utah	25	26	.490	10	5-5	N3
12. Portland	23	25	.479	10½	4-6	N5
13. LAKERS	23	26	.469	11	5-5	P5
14. San Antonio	14	35	.286	20	1-9	S4
15. Houston	11	38	.224	23	1-9	S5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.
1. Boston	35	15	.700		7-3	A1
2. Philadelphia	31	16	.660	2½	8-2	A2
3. Milwaukee	32	17	.653	2½	7-3	C1
4. Brooklyn	29	19	.604	5	4-6	A3
5. Cleveland	30	21	.588	5½	4-6	C2
6. Miami	28	22	.560	7	7-3	S1
7. New York	27	23	.540	8	5-5	A4
8. Atlanta	25	24	.510	9½	7-3	S2
9. Indiana	24	27	.471	11½	1-9	C3
10. Chicago	22	26	.458	12	5-5	C4
10. Washington	22	26	.458	12	5-5	S3
12. Toronto	22	28	.440	13	5-5	A5
13. Orlando	19	30	.388	15½	5-5	S4
14. Charlotte	14	36	.280	21	3-7	S5
15. Detroit	13	37	.260	22	3-7	C5

FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Milwaukee 141, Indiana 131	Okla. City 112, Cleveland 100
Minnesota 111, Memphis 100	Golden State 129, Toronto 117
Miami 110, Orlando 105	

TODAY'S GAMES

Favorite	Line	Underdog	Time
CLIPPERS	1	at Atlanta	4:30 p.m.
at Boston	7	LAKERS	5:30 p.m.
at Philadelphia	OFF	Denver	Noon
at Brooklyn	PK	New York	2:30 p.m.
Chicago	2	at Orlando	4 p.m.
at Detroit	4	Houston	4 p.m.
Sacramento	3½	at Minnesota	5 p.m.
Phoenix	6½	at San Antonio	5 p.m.
at New Orleans	4½	Washington	5 p.m.
at Utah	OFF	Dallas	6 p.m.
at Portland	4½	Toronto	7 p.m.

LeBron watch

LeBron James' pursuit of the all-time NBA scoring record, held by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar:

- Abdul-Jabbar's points: **38,387**
- James' points: **38,230**
  (Through Friday)
- James' 2022-23 average: **29.9**
- Projected game to break record: **Feb. 7 vs. Oklahoma City**

Bucks 141, Pacers 131

MILWAUKEE

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
G.Antetknmpo	33	16-29	7-18	5-12	6	3	41
Connaughton	32	5-9	0-0	0-8	1	1	14
Lopez	24	5-8	2-2	1-6	2	4	15
Allen	32	4-8	2-2	1-2	4	3	13
Holiday	35	7-16	5-6	3-9	9	0	20
Ingles	22	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	2	6
Matthews	20	1-4	0-0	3-4	0	1	3
Middleton	14	7-13	3-3	0-4	4	0	17
Carter	12	5-5	0-0	0-2	2	6	12
Nwora	11	0-2	0-0	1-2	1	0	0
Totals		**52-98**	**19-31**	**14-50**	**32**	**20**	**141**

Shooting: Field goals, 53.1%; free throws, 61.3%

Three-point goals: 18-43 (Connaughton 4-6, Allen 3-5, Lopez 3-6, Carter 2-2, Ingles 2-4, G.Antetokounmpo 2-7, Matthews 1-3, Holiday 1-5, Nwora 0-1, Middleton 0-4). Team Rebounds: 12. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 3 (Allen, G.Antetokounmpo, Lopez). Turnovers: 16 (Holiday 6, Lopez 3, Carter 2, G.Antetokounmpo 2, Connaughton, Matthews, Middleton). Steals: 11 (Connaughton 3, Middleton 2, Carter, G.Antetokounmpo, Holiday, Lopez, Matthews, Nwora). Technical Fouls: Bucks, 6:40 first.

INDIANA

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Duarte	34	7-11	1-1	1-4	6	1	17
Nesmith	26	3-6	2-2	0-3	0	5	10
Turner	36	10-20	2-4	1-5	0	4	24
Hield	35	8-13	1-2	0-5	2	4	22
McConnell	32	8-11	3-4	0-6	9	2	19
Mathurin	31	6-12	8-9	3-8	0	3	21
Nembhard	19	4-9	1-2	0-0	4	0	9
Brissett	12	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	4	0
Smith	10	3-5	2-4	0-5	1	1	9
Taylor	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		**49-89**	**20-28**	**5-38**	**22**	**24**	**131**

Shooting: Field goals, 55.1%; free throws, 71.4%

Three-point goals: 13-33 (Hield 5-9, Nesmith 2-4, Duarte 2-5, Turner 2-7, Smith 1-1, Mathurin 1-4, Brissett 0-1, McConnell 0-1, Nembhard 0-1). Team Rebounds: 6. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 4 (Turner 4). Turnovers: 13 (Mathurin 5, Nembhard 4, McConnell 2, Hield, Nesmith). Steals: 10 (Hield 3, McConnell 3, Duarte, Mathurin, Nembhard, Nesmith). Technical Fouls: None.

Milwaukee	**45**	**40**	**29**	**27—141**
Indiana	**30**	**26**	**43**	**32—131**

A—16,090. T—2:13.

Timberwolves 111, Grizzlies 100

MEMPHIS

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Brooks	36	7-17	1-2	0-4	1	2	17
Jackson Jr.	28	5-17	4-5	3-7	0	4	14
Clarke	27	5-9	5-5	3-7	3	2	15
Morant	38	10-21	4-4	1-10	11	1	27
Williams	26	3-5	0-0	0-2	0	0	7
Jones	19	0-4	0-0	1-2	3	0	0
Aldama	18	2-9	0-0	0-4	1	0	5
Tillman	15	2-2	1-1	6-8	3	1	5
Roddy	15	2-6	0-0	1-1	0	2	4
LaRavia	12	2-3	1-2	0-2	0	0	6
Totals		**38-93**	**16-19**	**15-47**	**22**	**12**	**100**

Shooting: Field goals, 40.9%; free throws, 84.2%

Three-point goals: 8-33 (Morant 3-6, Brooks 2-10, LaRavia 1-2, Williams 1-2, Aldama 1-6, Jones 0-1, Roddy 0-1, Jackson Jr. 0-5). Team Rebounds: 8. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 2 (Jackson Jr. 2). Turnovers: 20 (Morant 6, Roddy 4, Williams 3, Clarke 2, Jackson Jr. 2, Aldama, Brooks, Jones). Steals: 14 (Clarke 3, Tillman 3, Jackson Jr. 2, Jones 2, Williams 2, Brooks, Roddy). Technical Fouls: None.

MINNESOTA

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Anderson	27	9-16	1-1	1-3	6	5	23
McDaniels	30	4-10	0-0	1-6	3	1	8
Gobert	31	3-5	1-2	2-13	1	4	7
Edwards	36	9-18	4-6	0-7	7	2	25
Russell	37	7-17	2-2	1-8	7	1	19
Rivers	20	1-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	2
Nowell	20	3-6	2-2	0-2	3	0	8
Knight	19	4-6	0-0	2-2	0	4	10
Reid	16	4-6	0-2	2-3	1	1	9
Totals		**44-86**	**10-15**	**9-45**	**31**	**19**	**111**

Shooting: Field goals, 51.2%; free throws, 66.7%

Three-point goals: 13-35 (Anderson 4-7, Edwards 3-5, Russell 3-10, Knight 2-3, Reid 1-3, Rivers 0-1, Nowell 0-2, McDaniels 0-4). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 6 (Gobert 3, Anderson, Edwards, Reid). Turnovers: 19 (Russell 6, Nowell 5, Gobert 3, Edwards 2, Anderson, Knight, McDaniels). Steals: 12 (Russell 3, Anderson 2, Nowell 2, Reid 2, Rivers 2, Gobert). Technical Fouls: None.

Memphis	**31**	**22**	**24**	**23—100**
Minnesota	**38**	**24**	**25**	**24—111**

A—17,136. T—2:12.

Heat 110, Magic 105

ORLANDO

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Banchero	35	4-14	10-13	0-5	1	3	19
F.Wagner	32	6-10	4-4	1-6	2	2	19
Carter Jr.	31	7-12	0-0	1-8	3	6	16
Fultz	30	5-9	0-0	0-3	6	2	10
G.Harris	28	3-5	0-0	0-2	1	2	8
Anthony	27	5-9	5-6	0-7	1	1	19
Bol	19	0-1	2-2	0-5	1	2	2
Suggs	17	0-3	3-4	0-2	5	0	3
M.Wagner	16	3-6	3-3	0-2	1	5	9
Totals		**33-69**	**27-32**	**2-40**	**21**	**23**	**105**

Shooting: Field goals, 47.8%; free throws, 84.4%

Three-point goals: 12-34 (Anthony 4-7, F.Wagner 3-4, G.Harris 2-4, Carter Jr. 2-6, Banchero 1-6, Bol 0-1, Fultz 0-2, M.Wagner 0-2, Suggs 0-2). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 3 (Fultz 2, Carter Jr.). Turnovers: 20 (Banchero 5, Fultz 4, Anthony 3, Carter Jr. 3, M.Wagner 2, Bol, F.Wagner, Suggs). Steals: 5 (Suggs 2, Banchero, G.Harris, M.Wagner). Technical Fouls: Magic, 5:49 first.

MIAMI

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Butler	32	10-17	9-12	1-6	6	1	29
Martin	27	6-9	1-1	1-7	2	3	13
Adebayo	36	7-14	6-7	0-6	7	5	20
Herro	29	4-12	2-2	1-6	3	0	10
Lowry	25	2-6	0-0	1-4	5	1	6
Strus	29	5-8	2-2	0-1	2	3	17
Oladipo	21	1-8	0-0	0-1	2	2	2
Vincent	18	3-8	2-2	0-1	1	2	11
O.Robinson	11	0-1	0-0	1-4	0	1	0
Highsmith	6	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	1	2
Totals		**39-85**	**22-26**	**5-37**	**28**	**19**	**110**

Shooting: Field goals, 45.9%; free throws, 84.6%

Three-point goals: 10-33 (Strus 5-7, Vincent 3-7, Lowry 2-5, Highsmith 0-1, Butler 0-2, Herro 0-3, Martin 0-3, Oladipo 0-5). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 3 (Adebayo, Martin, O.Robinson). Turnovers: 11 (Adebayo 2, Herro 2, Oladipo 2, Strus 2, Lowry, O.Robinson, Vincent). Steals: 9 (Butler 2, Lowry 2, Adebayo, Herro, Martin, Oladipo, Strus). Technical Fouls: None.

Orlando	**31**	**28**	**20**	**26—105**
Miami	**26**	**24**	**23**	**37—110**

A—19,788. T—2:19.

Thunder 112, Cavaliers 100

CLEVELAND

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
E.Mobley	37	9-18	3-4	2-11	1	5	23
Okoro	26	3-7	0-0	2-4	2	3	6
Allen	35	6-8	1-2	5-9	0	1	13
Garland	37	10-23	8-10	0-2	13	2	31
LeVert	37	1-12	0-0	1-3	9	3	2
Wade	25	2-5	0-0	0-4	2	3	5
Stevens	14	4-7	0-0	0-1	0	3	8
Osman	13	2-5	0-0	1-1	0	1	5
Neto	11	2-3	2-2	0-2	0	0	7
Totals		**39-88**	**14-18**	**11-37**	**27**	**21**	**100**

Shooting: Field goals, 44.3%; free throws, 77.8%

Three-point goals: 8-29 (Garland 3-8, E.Mobley 2-2, Neto 1-2, Osman 1-3, Wade 1-4, Stevens 0-1, Okoro 0-3, LeVert 0-6). Team Rebounds: 4. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 5 (E.Mobley 2, Okoro 2, Allen). Turnovers: 10 (E.Mobley 4, Garland 2, LeVert, Neto, Okoro, Wade). Steals: 9 (Garland 4, Okoro 2, Neto, Stevens, Wade). Technical Fouls: None.

OKLAHOMA CITY

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Wiggins	30	4-6	2-2	1-7	2	3	10
Jal.Williams	32	7-12	0-1	1-3	0	1	17
Jay.Williams	18	3-5	0-0	1-6	2	0	8
Giddey	27	6-12	3-4	0-6	3	1	15
Gilgus-Alxndr	35	12-21	10-11	2-5	8	2	35
Joe	21	1-3	3-3	0-1	0	0	6
K.Williams	20	3-5	0-0	3-7	1	1	7
Muscala	19	1-2	2-2	1-6	1	3	5
Bazley	14	3-7	2-2	0-2	0	0	9
Dieng	10	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	3	0
Mann	8	0-3	0-0	0-2	1	3	0
Totals		**40-76**	**22-25**	**10-46**	**19**	**17**	**112**

Shooting: Field goals, 52.6%; free throws, 88.0%

Three-point goals: 10-18 (Jal.Williams 3-3, Jay.Williams 2-2, Bazley 1-1, Gilgeous-Alexander 1-1, K.Williams 1-2, Muscala 1-2, Joe 1-3, Mann 0-2, Wiggins 0-2). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 2 (Gilgeous-Alexander, K.Williams). Turnovers: 14 (Giddey 4, Jal.Williams 3, Dieng 2, Joe 2, Wiggins 2, Muscala). Steals: 5 (Gilgeous-Alexander 2, Wiggins 2, Bazley). Technical Fouls: Thunder, 6:27 first.

Cleveland	**25**	**29**	**24**	**22—100**
Oklahoma City	**27**	**20**	**31**	**34—112**

A—16,236. T—2:04.

Warriors 129, Raptors 117

TORONTO

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
Anunoby	10	0-2	1-2	0-0	1	0	1
Barnes	36	9-15	4-5	0-6	5	4	24
Siakam	39	8-26	4-5	2-7	3	4	21
Trent Jr.	36	7-14	0-0	1-4	2	0	17
VanVleet	40	11-20	1-1	0-4	10	4	28
Achiuwa	36	8-12	1-3	5-11	2	2	17
Boucher	19	2-9	2-5	5-9	0	0	7
Hernangomez	11	0-1	0-0	0-3	0	2	0
Young	9	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	2
Totals		**46-101**	**13-21**	**14-46**	**24**	**17**	**117**

Shooting: Field goals, 45.5%; free throws, 61.9%

Three-point goals: 12-33 (VanVleet 5-10, Trent Jr. 3-7, Barnes 2-3, Boucher 1-3, Siakam 1-6, Anunoby 0-1, Young 0-1, Achiuwa 0-2). Team Rebounds: 7. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 4 (Barnes 2, Boucher, VanVleet). Turnovers: 10 (VanVleet 5, Achiuwa 2, Barnes 2, Boucher). Steals: 5 (Achiuwa, Anunoby, Boucher, VanVleet, Young). Technical Fouls: None.

GOLDEN STATE

	Min	FG-A	FT-A	OR-T	A	P	T
D.Green	32	2-4	1-2	0-7	7	1	5
Thompson	37	11-24	1-1	1-8	1	1	29
Looney	23	6-7	0-2	1-8	3	6	12
Curry	38	13-21	5-5	0-7	11	1	35
Poole	24	4-8	0-0	0-2	2	4	9
DiVincenzo	33	5-10	0-0	1-3	11	1	12
Kuminga	23	5-7	1-2	0-0	2	3	15
J.Green	15	3-5	3-3	2-6	0	1	10
Lamb	10	1-4	0-0	0-2	3	0	2
Totals		**50-90**	**11-15**	**5-43**	**40**	**18**	**129**

Shooting: Field goals, 55.6%; free throws, 73.3%

Three-point goals: 18-43 (Thompson 6-14, Kuminga 4-6, Curry 4-8, DiVincenzo 2-5, J.Green 1-3, Poole 1-3, D.Green 0-1, Lamb 0-3). Team Rebounds: 11. Team Turnovers: 2. Blocked Shots: 1 (Kuminga). Turnovers: 12 (Curry 3, Poole 3, D.Green 2, Kuminga 2, DiVincenzo, Thompson). Steals: 5 (Curry 2, DiVincenzo 2, Thompson). Technical Fouls: None.

Toronto	**36**	**26**	**32**	**23—117**
Golden State	**34**	**29**	**35**	**31—129**

A—18,064. T—2:09.

Djokovic feels right at home in Australia

After beating Paul, he brings a 27-match unbeaten streak in event into final.

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MELBOURNE, Australia — Winning matches at the Australian Open does not give Novak Djokovic all that much trouble.

He has a 27-match unbeaten run, the longest at the place in the 55-year Open era. And now Djokovic needs one more victory, against Stefanos Tsitsipas in Sunday's final, to collect what would be a record-extending 10th championship there and record-tying 22nd Grand Slam trophy overall.

It's all of the other stuff — some of his own doing, some not — that is a lot to handle.

His streak at Melbourne Park was put on pause a year ago when he got deported from Australia because he was not vaccinated against COVID-19, and he has waffled between acknowledging that offers extra motivation this time around and also saying, "I'm over it."

His parents and brother are back at the tournament for the first time in 15 years, but Dad did not attend Friday night's 7-5, 6-1 6-2 victory over Tommy Paul in the semifinals after drawing attention by being seen two days earlier outside Rod Laver Arena with people showing support for Russia, whose invasion of Ukraine is now nearly a year old. Djokovic isn't sure whether his father will be present for the final.

Djokovic requested more than once while competing last week that persistent hecklers should be removed by security while he was playing.

His left hamstring was sore enough at the beginning of the tournament that he said he was worried about it, but took "a lot" of painkilling pills and underwent other treatments he didn't describe in detail.

So how does the 35-year-old from Serbia compartmentalize all of that?

How does he put it aside and play the way he has been?

AARON FAVILA Associated Press

NOVAK DJOKOVIC, above, will meet Stefanos Tsitsipas on Sunday, looking for 22nd Grand Slam trophy.

Since dropping the second set of his second-round match, Djokovic has won 14 sets in a row and given up a total of 35 games in that span.

"I mean, sounds like a cliche, but you really have to accept it. It's much easier said than done. In my case, I feel like things are just kind of piling on, adding on, somehow, for one reason or another," he said. "I mean, it's not an ideal situation or circumstance to be in when you have to kind of deal with all these other outside factors that are not really necessary during such an important event. But it's been part of my life, unfortunately the last few years, more so. I just try to evolve from it. I try to become more resilient, more stronger."

There is plenty at stake Sunday, for him and for Tsitsipas, a 24-year-old from Greece who will be appearing in his second Grand Slam final — 31 fewer than Djokovic.

In addition to the championship, the winner will move up to No. 1 in the ATP rankings, a place Djokovic has occupied more than anyone else and somewhere Tsitsipas has never been.

"Couldn't be more ready for this moment," Tsitsipas said after beating Karen Khachanov 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-3 in the semifinals.

"I genuinely believe in what I'm able to produce," he said. "That is more than enough."

We'll see if that is the case against Djokovic, who leads their head-to-head series 10-2, including nine consecutive victories. One of those came in the 2021 French Open final, which Tsitsipas led two sets to love before Djokovic came back to win in five.

While Tsitsipas is still seeking his first major title, Djokovic is hoping to tie Rafael Nadal for the highest total by a man in Grand Slam history.

Men's final

Djokovic

Tsitsipas

SINGLES

A look at the finalists in the Australian Open men's singles title match (Sunday, 12:30 a.m. Pacific. **TV:** ESPN):

NOVAK DJOKOVIC

Seeding/ranking: 4/5
Age: 35 **Country:** Serbia
Record in 2023: 11-0
Titles: 1 in 2023, 92 in career

STEFANOS TSITSIPAS

Seeding/ranking: 3/4
Age: 24 **Country:** Greece
Record in 2023: 6-0
Titles: 0 in 2023, 9 in career

Head-to-head: Djokovic 6-2

For results from today's early-morning women's singles final between No. 5 Aryna Sabalenka and No. 22 Elena Rybakina, visit latimes.com/sports.

Copley and Kempe carry Kings

Goalie has career-high 45 saves and winger scores short-handed as L.A. holds on to win.

KINGS 4, FLORIDA 3

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNRISE, Fla. — Adrian Kempe had a short-handed goal and an assist, Pheonix Copley made a career-high 45 saves and the Kings held on to beat the Florida Panthers 4-3 on Friday night for their third straight win.

Anze Kopitar, Viktor Arvidsson and Matt Roy also scored for the Kings, who led 3-0 midway through the second period.

Ryan Lomberg and Brandon Montour scored in the second to get the Panthers within 3-2, but Roy's late empty-netter sealed Florida's third straight loss.

"We showed big-time character," Copley said. "They weathered the storm and then we got our game going."

Carter Verhaeghe added a last-minute goal for the Panthers and Alex Lyon had 28 saves.

The Kings scored twice within a span of four-plus minutes toward the end of the first period, going up 2-0 when Kempe connected on an odd-man rush while killing a Florida power play.

WILFREDO LEE Associated Press

KINGS GOALIE Pheonix Copley blocks a shot by Aleksander Barkov in the second period. The Kings nearly lost a three-goal lead but won third straight.

The Kings got their second short-handed goal of the game, from Arvidsson, to make it 3-0 at 9:58 of the second period.

Florida made a charge with Lomberg scoring off a backhanded shot from the slot with 6:37 left in the second. Montour followed about three minutes later with a hard slap shot from the left circle.

"Good teams, when the momentum swings as much as it did tonight, find ways to win. That's what we did," Kings coach Todd McLellan said. "From a negative side, we were up 3-0 and a couple of quick goals put us on our heels. They are a tough team to play."

The Panthers temporarily lost top defenseman Gustav Forsling to injury in the second period when his skate was taken out by the stick blade of Alex Turcotte as the two went into the corner.

Turcotte was assessed a five-minute major for boarding.

KINGS 4, PANTHERS 3

KINGS	2	1	1	– 4
Florida	0	2	1	– 3

FIRST PERIOD: 1. KINGS, Kopitar 15 (Byfield, Kempe), 13:25. 2. KINGS, Kempe 20 (Lizotte), 17:58 (sh). **Penalties**—Byfield, KINGS (Tripping), 16:50. Bjornfot, KINGS (Roughing), 19:26.

SECOND PERIOD: 3. KINGS, Arvidsson 13 (Anderson, Danault), 9:58 (sh). 4. Fla., Lomberg 7 (E.Staal, Cousins), 13:23. 5. Fla., Montour 9 (Tkachuk, Verhaeghe), 16:19. **Penalties**—Ekblad, Fla. (Roughing), 7:57. Turcotte, KINGS (Boarding), 7:57.

THIRD PERIOD: 6. KINGS, Roy 6, 18:58 (en). 7. Fla., Verhaeghe 26 (Tkachuk), 19:26. **Penalties**—Barkov, Fla. (Tripping), 5:30. Durzi, KINGS (Tripping), 5:56. Durzi, KINGS (Tripping), 11:25. Verhaeghe, Fla. (High Sticking), 14:18. Lomberg, Fla. (Cross Checking), 14:18. Fiala, KINGS (Roughing), 14:18.

SHOTS ON GOAL: KINGS 14-9-11—34. Fla. 12-16-17—45. Power-play conversions—KINGS 0 of 2. Fla. 0 of 5.

GOALIES: KINGS, Copley 14-3-0 (46 shots-43 saves). Fla., Lyon 2-1-1 (32-29). Att—0 (19,250). T—2:32.

NHL STANDINGS

Sixteen teams qualify for the Stanley Cup playoffs. The format is a set bracket that is largely division-based with wild cards. The top three teams in each division will make up the first 12 teams in the playoffs. The remaining four spots will be filled by the next two highest-placed finishers in each conference, based on regular-season record, and regardless of division.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Pacific	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
KINGS	28	17	6	62	167	173
Seattle	28	15	5	61	174	150
Vegas	29	18	3	61	159	146
Edmonton	27	18	4	58	180	160
Calgary	24	17	9	57	160	153
Vancouver	20	26	3	43	166	196
San Jose	14	25	11	39	151	192
DUCKS	15	29	5	35	123	204
Central	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Dallas	28	13	10	66	173	133
Winnipeg	31	18	1	63	163	131
Minnesota	26	17	4	56	148	136
Colorado	26	18	3	55	147	131
Nashville	24	18	6	54	137	141
St. Louis	23	23	3	49	152	177
Arizona	16	28	5	37	130	175
Chicago	15	28	4	34	115	169

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Metropolitan	W	L	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	31	9	8	70	159	130
New Jersey	32	13	4	68	171	131
NY Rangers	27	14	8	62	157	129
Washington	26	19	6	58	161	144
Pittsburgh	24	15	9	57	157	147
NY Islanders	24	22	5	53	146	143
Philadelphia	20	21	9	49	138	162
Columbus	15	31	3	33	127	191
Atlantic	**W**	**L**	**OL**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Boston	38	6	4	80	183	101
Toronto	30	12	8	68	168	135
Tampa Bay	31	15	1	63	170	139
Buffalo	26	19	3	55	183	162
Florida	23	22	6	52	174	180
Detroit	21	19	8	50	145	160
Ottawa	22	23	3	47	141	155
Montreal	20	25	4	44	130	179

Note: Overtime or shootout losses worth one point.

RESULTS

KINGS 4 AT FLORIDA 3	Pheonix Copley made a career-high 45 saves and the Kings prevailed after nearly losing a 3-0 lead.
AT NY ISLANDERS 2 DETROIT 0	Ilya Sorokin made 23 stops for his fourth shutout of the season as the Islanders ended a six-game losing streak.
OTTAWA 6 AT TORONTO 2	Brady Tkachuk scored twice and the Senators handed the Maple Leafs only their fourth regulation home loss.
AT CAROLINA 5 SAN JOSE 4 (OT)	Martin Necas tied it with 11.5 seconds left in regulation and won it 55 seconds into in overtime to lift Carolina.
AT NY RANGERS 4 VEGAS 1	Jaroslav Halak stopped 33 shots for the Rangers, who are 8-2-3 in their last 13 games heading into their bye week.
NEW JERSEY 3 DALLAS 2 (OT)	Jack Hughes won it for the Devils on a shot off the stick of the Stars' Tyler Seguin 20 seconds into overtime.
CALGARY AT SEATTLE	Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here.
COLUMBUS AT VANCOUVER	Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here. Text here.

TODAY'S GAMES

Arizona at DUCKS, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Colorado, noon
Montreal at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Minnesota, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Seattle, 7 p.m.
KINGS at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.
Vegas at NY Islanders, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

GOLF LEADERS

$8.7-MILLION FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN
At La Jolla—Par 72
Torrey Pines, a-South Course—7,765 yards
b-North Course—7,258 yards
54-hole scores

Sam Ryder	64b-68a-72a–204
Jon Rahm	73a-67b-66a–206
Tony Finau	73a-71b-64a–208
Max Homa	68b-70a-71a–209
Sungjae Im	68a-74b-67a–209
Collin Morikawa	67b-72a-70a–209
Sahith Theegala	66b-72a-71a–209
Seonghyeon Kim	67b-74a-69a–210
Byeong Hun An	68b-72a-71a–211
Keegan Bradley	70a-73b-68a–211
Joseph Bramlett	69a-71b-71a–211
Rickie Fowler	72a-72b-67a–211
Brendan Steele	65b-70a-76a–211
Sam Stevens	66a-72b-73a–211
Jason Day	68b-71a-73a–212
Lanto Griffin	67b-75a-70a–212
Hideki Matsuyama	70b-73a-69a–212
Taylor Moore	72a-68b-72a–212
Ryan Palmer	71b-71a-70a–212
Xander Schauffele	72b-71a-69a–212
Adam Schenk	71a-73b-68a–212
Callum Tarren	71a-69b-72a–212
Jimmy Walker	69a-71b-72a–212
Dean Burmester	71a-70b-72a–213
Thomas Detry	68b-75a-70a–213
Michael Kim	69b-74a-70a–213
Taylor Montgomery	67a-71b-75a–213
Justin Rose	73a-70b-70a–213
Kevin Tway	72a-72b-69a–213
Jhonattan Vegas	68b-75a-70a–213
Kevin Yu	73a-70b-70a–213
Adam Hadwin	70a-74b-70a–214
Garrick Higgo	66b-76a-72a–214
Si Woo Kim	69a-73b-72a–214
Maverick McNealy	69b-74a-71a–214
Trey Mullinax	71a-73b-70a–214
Scott Piercy	69a-75b-70a–214
Justin Suh	68b-75a-71a–214
Erik Barnes	72b-72a-71a–215
Cameron Champ	70a-72b-73a–215
Zecheng Dou	70a-74b-71a–215
Brent Grant	64b-74a-77a–215
Harry Higgs	66b-77a-72a–215
Luke List	67b-75a-73a–215
Peter Malnati	69b-74a-72a–215
Vincent Norrman	67a-71b-77a–215
Alex Smalley	71a-73b-71a–215
Justin Thomas	68a-74b-73a–215
Dylan Frittelli	70a-74b-72a–216
Tano Goya	70a-67b-79a–216
Ben Griffin	67a-72b-77a–216
Emiliano Grillo	72a-70b-74a–216
Augusto Nunez	72a-69b-75a–216
Taylor Pendrith	69b-75a-72a–216
Aaron Rai	64b-78a-74a–216
Taiga Semikawa	74a-70b-72a–216
Michael Thompson	69a-75b-72a–216
Davis Thompson	71a-71b-74a–216
Trevor Werbylo	71a-72b-73a–216
Austin Cook	74b-70a-73a–217
Paul Haley	68b-75a-74a–217
Nick Hardy	71a-73b-73a–217
Stephan Jaeger	69a-72b-76a–217
Satoshi Kodaira	68b-75a-74a–217
Seung-Yul Noh	70b-73a-74a–217
Kevin Streelman	73a-70b-74a–217
Wyndham Clark	68b-74a-76a–218
Scott Harrington	74a-70b-74a–218
Andrew Novak	66a-73b-80a–219
Robby Shelton	70a-74b-75a–219
Adam Long	71b-73a-76a–220
Scott Brown	69b-75a-77a–221
Gary Woodland	66b-77a-78a–221

$9-MILLION DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC
At Dubai, United Arab Emirates—Par 72
Emirates Gof Course—7,428 yards
18-hole leaders

(Hote: The second round was suspended because of darkness with no golfer completing play.)

Ian Poulter, England	32-33–65	-7
Ludvig Aberg, Sweden	32-33–65	-7
Angel Hidalgo, Spain	31-35–66	-6
Louis De Jager, South Africa	34-32–66	-6
Rory McIlroy, No. Ireland	29-37–66	-6
Patrick Reed, U.S.	32-34–66	-6
Richard Bland, England	34-33–67	-5
Adri Arnaus, Spain	32-35–67	-5
Victor Perez, France	32-35–67	-5
Thomas Pieters, Belgium	32-35–67	-5
Tommy Fleetwood, England	33-35–68	-4
Daniel Gavins, England	32-36–68	-4
Matthew Jordan, England	34-34–68	-4
Connor Syme, Scotland	34-34–68	-4
Matt Wallace, England	34-34–68	-4
Jeunghun Wang, South Korea	33-35–68	-4
Oliver Wilson, England	34-34–68	-4
Hennie Du Plessis, South Africa	33-35–68	-4
Oliver Bekker, South Africa	34-34–68	-4
Lucas Herbert, Australia	36-33–69	-3
Adrian Otaegui, Spain	35-34–69	-3
Marcus Armitage, England	33-36–69	-3
Alexander Bjork, Sweden	36-33–69	-3
Jens Dantorp, Sweden	35-34–69	-3
Ryan Fox, New Zealand	33-36–69	-3
Julien Guerrier, France	35-34–69	-3
Daan Huizing, Netherlands	35-34–69	-3
Jacques Kruyswijk, South Africa	33-36–69	-3
Romain Langasque, France	33-36–69	-3
Richard Mansell, England	34-35–69	-3
Niklas Norgaard Moller, Denmark	35-34–69	-3
Bernd Wiesberger, Austria	35-34–69	-3
Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay	34-35–69	-3
Sean Crocker, U.S.	32-37–69	-3
Julien Brun, France	34-36–70	-2
Thorbjorn Olesen, Denmark	35-35–70	-2
Marcus Helligkilde, Denmark	32-38–70	-2
Sam Horsfield, England	38-32–70	-2
Shane Lowry, Ireland	35-35–70	-2
Thomas Bjorn, Denmark	34-36–70	-2
Luke Donald, England	36-34–70	-2
Chase Hanna, U.S.	36-34–70	-2
Justin Harding, South Africa	34-36–70	-2
Calum Hill, Scotland	36-34–70	-2
Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark	35-35–70	-2
Oliver Jorgensen, Denmark	35-35–70	-2
Marcus Kinhult, Sweden	36-34–70	-2
Thriston Lawrence, South Africa	33-37–70	-2
Alexander Levy, France	35-35–70	-2
Joost Luiten, Netherlands	35-35–70	-2
Robert Macintyre, Scotland	37-33–70	-2
Tapio Pulkkanen, Finland	36-34–70	-2
Henrik Stenson, Sweden	35-35–70	-2
Andy Sullivan, England	36-34–70	-2
Michael Thorbjornsen, U.S.	34-36–70	-2
Jorge Campillo, Spain	33-37–70	-2
Ewen Ferguson, Scotland	36-35–71	-1
Rasmus Hojgaard, Denmark	36-35–71	-1
Wu Ashun, China	35-36–71	-1
Nicolas Colsaerts, Belgium	37-34–71	-1
Grant Forrest, Scotland	33-38–71	-1
Daniel Hillier, New Zealand	33-38–71	-1
David Law, Scotland	34-37–71	-1
Shaun Norris, South Africa	37-34–71	-1
Antoine Rozner, France	35-36–71	-1
Marcel Schneider, Germany	37-34–71	-1
Jason Scrivener, Australia	34-37–71	-1
Callum Shinkwin, England	38-33–71	-1
Matthew Southgate, England	36-35–71	-1
Johannes Veerman, U.S.	35-36–71	-1
Nicolai Von Dellingshausen, Germany	35-36–71	-1
Paul Waring, England	37-34–71	-1
Lee Westwood, England	33-38–71	-1
Dale Whitnell, England	35-36–71	-1
Tyrrell Hatton, England	35-37–72	E
Ockie Strydom, South Africa	34-38–72	E
Andrew Johnston, England	34-38–72	E
John Catlin, United States	36-36–72	E
Jamie Donaldson, Wales	34-38–72	E
Nacho Elvira, Spain	36-36–72	E

Rahm, Finau staying close to Ryder

[**Golf,** from B12]

Coming up fast on the outside are Jon Rahm and Tony Finau, two guys who were a stroke away from missing the cut late in Thursday's second round.

Now, they're joining Ryder in the final group for the final round.

They have an 11:20 a.m. tee at Torrey Pines' South Course, with Ryder seeking his first PGA Tour win.

Rahm seeks to make history with a win in his third straight start, a feat that hasn't been accomplished on the PGA Tour in five years. He also will return to No. 1 in the world with a win.

And Finau? He's looking for his first Farmers victory after four top-10 finishes here the last five years.

A day after wind gusts of 30 mph, Friday's course was calm. The golfers took advantage of it. None more so than Rahm and Finau.

Rahm is two shots behind Ryder after a six-under 66. The highlight was an eagle three on the South's par-five ninth hole; Rahm made a 12-foot putt after a 274-yard second shot he called a "contender for best shot of the year."

Finau was a contender for round of the year after an eight-under 64 that was one off the South Course record shared by Nick Watney (2011) and Greg Chalmers (2002).

"I didn't see a leaderboard or really peek at one until I pretty much made the turn and holed out," said Finau, whose 60-foot chip found the cup for birdie on the par-five 18th (his ninth) hole. "I looked at the top of the leaderboard and of course Rahmbo's name was up there. I saw we were both kind of making a run.

"It will be fun, looks like we might be able to battle it out tomorrow."

Finau was even-par through two rounds when the day began, 12 strokes behind Ryder. He now is four strokes back.

MEG MCLAUGHLIN San Diego Union-Tribune

JON RAHM, who is seeking a victory in his third straight start, hits from the bunker on the 17th hole.

Four players — two-time major winner Collin Morikawa, Max Homa, Sahith Theegala and Sungjae Im — are five shots off the pace at seven under.

Rahm calls Torrey Pines his favorite course. And why not? It's the site of his first tour victory (the 2017 Farmers) and only major win (the 2021 U.S. Open).

It was no surprise that the Spaniard had by far the largest gallery of the golfers.

Friendly fans, too.

They encouraged his approach shots — "get up, get up" — to the green.

"Why not you? Why not you? Have a day," one man shouted above the voices of all others along the 17th fairway. At which point the man's wife turned to him and asked: "Who are you?"

One young girl offered Rahm some kettle corn on the 17th green. He did not oblige.

"Yeah, they show up for me when I come out here," Rahm said. "It's very unique. Very few places where I feel like I'm in Spain, and this is one of them.

"I get a lot of support and it's very nice to see. Obviously helps when I'm out there to get so many people pulling for me."

The love affair was tested Thursday when Rahm opened with a one-over 73 on the South that left him tied for 116th — with Finau.

He was still one over — with the cutline at even par — with five holes remaining in Thursday's second round before reeling off three birdies and an eagle. On Friday, Rahm picked up where he left off, carding four more birdies and another eagle while shooting 31 (he had a bogey on the fifth hole) on the front nine.

"I stayed really patient out there," Rahm said, "and took advantage of the holes I could take advantage of and played what I would say was very smart throughout the round."

Kenney writes for the San Diego Union-Tribune.

McVay hires ex-Jets coordinator

Rams coach taps Mike LaFleur, who follows footsteps of brother as offensive coordinator.

By Gary Klein

Rams coach Sean McVay does not stray far from the familiar when hiring offensive coordinators, but he once again hired from the outside rather than promoting assistants to that position.

On Friday, McVay hired Mike LaFleur to replace Liam Coen, who left the Rams staff after one season to return as offensive coordinator and play-caller at Kentucky.

LaFleur is the brother of Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur, the Rams' offensive coordinator in McVay's first season in 2017.

Mike LaFleur, 36, was not retained as the New York Jets offensive coordinator after working under coach Robert Saleh for two seasons.

The Rams, winners of Super Bowl LVI, finished 5-12 this season, the worst season-after performance by a champion in NFL history.

McVay, entering his seventh season, is the play-caller and de facto offensive coordinator for the Rams. The titled "offensive coordinator" role on his staff traditionally has been heavy on administration, overseeing meetings and game-planning.

In choosing LaFleur, McVay passed over three members of the Rams staff — associate head coach Thomas Brown, senior offensive assistant Greg Olson and quarterbacks coach Zac Robinson. All three interviewed to become offensive coordinator for the Chargers.

This season, the Rams ranked last in the NFL in total offense and 27th in passing, rushing and points per game.

The Jets ranked 25th in total offense, 15th in passing, 26th in rushing and 29th in scoring en route to a 7-10 finish.

Matt Ludtke Associated Press

MIKE LaFLEUR steps in for Liam Coen on the Rams' offensive staff.

LaFleur began his NFL coaching career in 2015 as an offensive assistant for the Atlanta Falcons, where Kyle Shanahan was offensive coordinator. When Shanahan was hired as the San Francisco 49ers head coach, LaFleur joined his staff and served as passing game coordinator from 2017 to 2020.

McVay has several remaining openings on his staff, including an offensive line coach to replace Kevin Carberry, who was not retained.

General manager Les Snead has said that the Rams will "remodel" rather than rebuild a team that nosedived because of injuries, coaching errors and poor play.

Quarterback Matthew Stafford, sidelined the latter part of the season because of a spinal cord contusion, is expected to be ready for off-season workouts. Receiver Cooper Kupp, who suffered a season-ending ankle injury, also will return.

Receiver Allen Robinson is on track to return from a season-ending foot injury, but the Rams are expected to explore trading the veteran.

Snead also is expected to seek upgrades for the offensive line through trades, free agency and the draft.

Former actor Irwin set for big stage

[**Irwin,** from B12]

ture NFL receiver coincided with his fledgling acting career, an offshoot of what essentially was the family business.

Craig Irwin, his father, is a longtime character actor who has appeared in numerous commercials and television shows. During Trenton's youth, the entire family — Craig, wife Ericka, Trenton, and younger siblings Alyssa, Shawn and Ava — went on casting calls together.

The family also appeared in a 2005 Bravo reality series "Sports Kids, Moms & Dads."

"I was not a kid wanting to see all that attention and all that," Trenton said. "I was a quiet little kid just catching lizards and fishing and playing football.

"For me that was to help the family and to be with the family because we all went [to] auditions together sometimes. That was just trying to help the squad."

Football, not acting, was his passion.

At age 3, Irwin began carrying a football everywhere. Around the house. At the grocery store. On trips to the airport.

"They called it his responsibility," his mother said, laughing. " 'Don't lose your responsibility!' "

Craig was inspired by the 10,000 hours of purposeful practice theory that gained popularity after the publication of Malcolm Gladwell's best-selling book "Outliers." The goal was for Trenton to catch 200 balls a day.

"It was kind of obsessive," Craig said, "but fun."

On days when Craig was not available to throw passes, Ericka filled in.

"Every kid says, 'I'm going to grow up and be in the NFL or I'm going to be an astronaut,' " Ericka said. "And mom says, 'Yeah, let's do it. Let's build you a rocket ship.' And this kid was like, 'Let's go to the park and throw me the ball.'

"I try to take credit. Because I was such a horrible quarterback, that if he could catch mine, he could catch anyone's."

As Irwin sharpened his football craft — he played on the same youth football team as Philadelphia Eagles safety Marcus Epps — he also blossomed as an actor.

Jeff Dean Associated Press

BENGALS RECEIVER Trenton Irwin has 15 receptions this season, and four have resulted in scores.

His career began innocently. A casting director asked Craig to bring his then-7-year-old son along on Craig's audition for a Nissan SUV commercial.

"He gets the job," Craig said, laughing. "Not me."

Said Trenton: "They snagged me up for it and I was like, 'This is easy.' It was not that easy afterwards. We did not get that many."

But Irwin landed the Velveeta spot.

"I wasn't doing a great job early on," he said. "I had to lock in. I almost got fired. My stunt double was this blond-haired dude and he almost [replaced me]. I ended getting it right. ... It turned out wonderful."

A few years later, however, Irwin called it a career.

On the brink of becoming the first freshman to start for Hart, he booked a Microsoft commercial. The shoot was scheduled for the day before a Friday night game.

"I think we threatened, 'You're going to be here at practice,' " said former Hart coach Mike Herrington, now the school's offensive coordinator. "Because that was our rule: If you miss practice, you couldn't start in the game."

The job paid more than $15,000, so Irwin felt obliged to work.

"My family needed it," he said. "I was like, 'I'm doing that rather than going to this last practice. I got to do that.' "

Irwin did not play in the first quarter. It felt like an eternity.

"That was the turning point," he said. "I don't think I went on an audition again."

Irwin did go on to become the first four-year starter for Hart. He established state records with 285 career receptions for 5,268 yards and 57 touchdowns receiving.

"One of the best, if not the best receiver, we've ever had," said Herrington, who now runs an offense that features college prospect Shawn Irwin at receiver.

Trenton earned a scholarship to Stanford, graduated with a degree in science, technology and society, and in 2019 signed as an undrafted free agent with the Miami Dolphins. He was cut, but the Bengals signed him and he began his journey from practice squad player to contributor.

Irwin played in one game in 2019 and one game in 2020 but did not catch a pass. In 2021, he had two catches in seven games, but he was not active for the playoffs — including Super Bowl LVI against the Rams at SoFi Stadium.

"It was that twisted, mixed-feelings type of thing," he said. "Like, 'All right, glad we won [playoff games] but I also want a dang chance to do something for the squad.' ... That's the happy medium, being able to feel good with being blessed with what you've got, but also still want[ing] more."

Irwin got increased opportunities this season because several receivers suffered injuries.

Irwin's first touchdown catch came on a one-yard pass from Burrow that gave the Bengals the lead in a victory against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I knew, a guy like Trenton Irwin, I knew exactly what I was going to get when he gets on the field," Burrow told Cincinnati reporters in the days after the game.

"In practice, he does exactly what he's supposed to do. Runs the route exactly the way you expect. He's going to be right where he's supposed to be at the time he's supposed to be there, and that's what you need out of a guy like that.

"He's going to play hard, and he's going to catch balls when his opportunity comes."

A few weeks later, Irwin scored on a 45-yard touchdown on a flea-flicker play in a victory over the Cleveland Browns. He added two touchdown catches in a win over the New England Patriots.

In the Bengals' AFC wildcard victory over Baltimore, Irwin did not have a catch. Last Sunday, he was targeted twice and had one catch for 13 yards in a divisional-round victory over the Bills.

As the Bengals prepared this week for the Chiefs, Irwin and his father continued their daily phone chats about life and football. On Saturday, it will embody their usual day-before-the-game emphasis.

Craig reads aloud every play-call for all three receiver positions.

"I try to do it in a Joe Burrow-type accent," Craig said, chuckling, "even though Joe doesn't have an accent."

Trenton understands.

"He's an actor," he said, "so he always loved the accents."

PRO CALENDAR

	SAT 28	SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED 1
LAKERS	**at Boston** 5:30 Ch. 7		**at Brooklyn** 4:30 SpecSN	**at New York** 4:30 SpecSN	
CLIPPERS	**at Atlanta** 4:30 BSSC	**at Cleveland** 4 BSSC		**at Chicago** 5 BSSC	
KINGS	**at Tampa Bay** 4 BSW			**at Carolina** 4 BSW	
DUCKS	**ARIZONA** 7:30 BSW				

Shade denotes home game.

TODAY ON THE AIR

TIME	EVENT	ON THE AIR
AUTO RACING		
10:30 a.m.	IMSA Sportscars, Rolex 24 at Daytona	**TV:** 4
11:30 a.m.	IMSA Sportscars, Rolex 24 at Daytona	**TV:** USA
7 p.m.	IMSA Sportscars, Rolex 24 at Daytona	**TV:** USA
3 a.m. (Sun.)	IMSA Sportscars, Rolex 24 at Daytona	**TV:** USA
BASKETBALL		
Noon	Denver at Philadelphia	**TV:** 7.
2:30 p.m.	New York at Brooklyn	**TV:** 7, ESPND
4:30 p.m.	Clippers at Atlanta	**TV:** BSSC **R:** 570, 1220
5:30 p.m.	Lakers at Boston	**TV:** 7, ESPND **R:** 710, 1330
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
9 a.m.	Xavier at Creighton	**TV:** 2
9 a.m.	Auburn at West Virginia	**TV:** ESPN
9 a.m.	Louisville at Notre Dame	**TV:** ESPN2
9 a.m.	Boston College at Virginia	**TV:** BSSC
9 a.m.	Northeastern at Delaware	**TV:** CBSSN
9 a.m.	Temple at Central Florida	**TV:** ESPNU
9 a.m.	Minnesota at Northwestern	**TV:** Big Ten
10 a.m.	Women, Nebraska at Iowa	**TV:** 11
10 a.m.	North Carolina State at Wake Forest	**TV:** ACC
10:30 a.m.	Women, Jackson State at Grambling State	**TV:** 9
11 a.m.	Cincinnati at Houston	**TV:** 2
11 a.m.	Iowa State at Missouri	**TV:** ESPN2
11 a.m.	Marquette at DePaul	**TV:** FS1
11 a.m.	Samford at Wofford	**TV:** CBSSN
11 a.m.	Texas Tech at Louisiana State	**TV:** ESPNU
Noon	Illinois at Wisconsin	**TV:** 11
Noon	Duke at Georgia Tech	**TV:** ACC
1 p.m.	Jackson State at Grambling State	**TV:** 9
1 p.m.	Arkansas at Baylor	**TV:** ESPN
1 p.m.	Texas Christian at Mississippi State	**TV:** ESPN2
1 p.m.	UC San Diego at UC Riverside	**TV:** SpecSN
1 p.m.	Seton Hall at Butler	**TV:** FS1
1 p.m.	Richmond at Dayton	**TV:** CBSSN
1 p.m.	Miami at Pittsburgh	**TV:** ESPNU
1:30 p.m.	Nebraska at Maryland	**TV:** Big Ten
2 p.m.	Clemson at Florida State	**TV:** ACC
2:30 p.m.	Arizona at Washington	**TV:** 11
3 p.m.	Texas at Tennessee	**TV:** ESPN
3 p.m.	Florida at Kansas State	**TV:** ESPN2
3 p.m.	South Carolina at Georgia	**TV:** SEC
3 p.m.	St. Bonaventure at Virginia Commonwealth	**TV:** CBSSN
3 p.m.	North Carolina Central at Howard	**TV:** ESPNU
4 p.m.	Syracuse at Virginia Tech	**TV:** ACC
5 p.m.	Ohio State at Indiana	**TV:** 11
5 p.m.	Kansas at Kentucky	**TV:** ESPN
5 p.m.	Mississippi at Oklahoma State	**TV:** ESPN2
5 p.m.	Colorado State at Boise State	**TV:** CBSSN
5 p.m.	Arizona State at Washington State	**TV:** ESPNU
5 p.m.	Utah at Oregon	**TV:** Pac-12
5:30 p.m.	Vanderbilt at Texas A&M	**TV:** SEC
6 p.m.	San Jose State at San Diego State	**TV:** FS1 **R:** 760
7 p.m.	Saint Mary's at Brigham Young	**TV:** ESPN2
7 p.m.	Nevada at Nevada Las Vegas	**TV:** CBSSN
7 p.m.	California at Stanford	**TV:** ESPNU
7:30 p.m.	Colorado at Oregon State	**TV:** Pac-12
8 p.m.	Pepperdine at Loyola Marymount	**TV:** BSSC **R:** 88.9
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
3 p.m.	NFLPA Collegiate Bowl	**TV:** NFL
COLLEGE WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS		
Noon	Washington at Utah	**TV:** Pac-12
2 p.m.	Stanford at California	**TV:** Pac-12
COLLEGE HOCKEY		
4 p.m.	Penn State at Michigan	**TV:** Big Ten
COLLEGE WRESTLING		
11 a.m.	Illinois at Minnesota	**TV:** Big Ten
FIGURE SKATING		
11:30 a.m.	U.S. Championships	**TV:** 4
5 p.m.	U.S. Championships, pairs free skate	**TV:** USA
GOLF		
11:30 a.m.	Farmers Insurance Open, final round	**TV:** Golf
1:30 p.m.	Farmers Insurance Open, final round	**TV:** 2
11 p.m.	DP World Tour, Dubai Desert Classic, final round	**TV:** Golf
HOCKEY		
3 p.m.	Boston at Florida	**TV:** NHL
4 p.m.	Kings at Tampa Bay	**TV:** BSW **R.** iHeart
7:30 p.m.	Arizona at Ducks	**TV:** BSW **R:** Duck Stream
HORSE RACING		
9:30 a.m.	America's Day at the Races	**TV:** FS1
Noon	America's Day at the Races	**TV:** BSSC
1:30 p.m.	Pegasus World Cup Invitational	**TV:** 4
PREP BOYS' BASKETBALL		
9 p.m.	Bishop Gorman (Nev.) vs. San Ysidro	**TV:** ESPN2
SOCCER		
5 a.m.	Turkey, Trabzonspor at Hatayspor	**TV:** beIN1, beINes
5 a.m.	Spain, Mallorca at Cadiz	**TV:** ESPND
7:15 a.m.	Spain, Barcelona at Girona	**TV:** ESPND
8 a.m.	France, Lens at Troyes	**TV:** beIN1, beINes
9:30 a.m.	Spain, Elche at Sevilla	**TV:** ESPND
Noon	France, Monaco at Marseille	**TV:** beIN1, beINes
Noon	Spain, Real Betis at Getafe	**TV:** ESPND
4:30 p.m.	Friendly, U.S. vs. Colombia at Carson	**TV:** TNT, KVEA
5 p.m.	Honduras, Lobos UPNFM at Progreso	**TV:** FOXD
5 p.m.	Mexico, Atlético San Luis at Tigres UANL	**TV:** KMEX, TUDN, Univision
7 p.m.	Mexico, Mazatlán at América	**TV:** KMEX, TUDN, Univision
7 p.m.	Mexico, Guadalajara at Juarez	**TV:** FS2
4 a.m. (Sun.)	France, Lille at Nice	**TV:** beIN1, beINes
TENNIS		
12:30 a.m. (Sun.)	Australian Open, men's final	**TV:** ESPN, ESPND
WINTER SPORTS		
9:30 a.m.	X Games at Aspen	**TV:** 7
7 p.m.	X Games at Aspen	**TV:** ESPN

THE DAY IN SPORTS

Reid says Mahomes is set for AFC title game

WIRE REPORTS

Patrick Mahomes finished a full week of practice on his ailing right ankle Friday, and Kansas City Chiefs coach **Andy Reid** pronounced his All-Pro quarterback ready to go for the AFC championship game against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Mahomes suffered a high ankle sprain in the first quarter of last week's divisional-round win over Jacksonville, returning after halftime to polish off the victory. That sent the Chiefs to their fifth consecutive AFC championship game, where they will face the AFC North champions Sunday night in a rematch of last year's overtime loss to the Bengals.

"He looks good," Reid said. "I mean, he's moving around good. He's going to go out and play."

Mahomes threw for a career-high 5,250 yards with a league-leading 41 touchdown passes.

Miami quarterback **Tua Tagovailoa** remains in the NFL's concussion protocol and will not participate in the Pro Bowl, a person with knowledge of the matter told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the decision has not been announced officially. ... Atlanta hired **Ryan Nielsen**, the former New Orleans co-defensive coordinator, as its defensive coordinator.

ETC.

Levito captures U.S. skating gold

Teen star **Isabeau Levito** needed a near-flawless free skate to capture gold at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in San Jose after **Bradie Tennell's** beautiful performance minutes earlier.

Levito, 15, delivered a score of 149.55 for a 223.33 total to win her first women's national championship.

The New Jersey skater drew a rousing standing ovation from an audience wowed by her poise on the big stage.

Ilia Malinin scored a 110.36 in the men's short program, leading second-place **Jason Brown** by more than 10 points.

Atlanta manager **Brian Snitker** signed a contract extension that runs through the 2025 season. ... Oakland and slugger **Jesus Aguilar** agreed to a one-year, $3-million contract. ... Reliever **Pete Fairbanks** and Tampa Bay agreed to a three-year, $12-million contract. ... **Joe Mauer** will be inducted into the Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame on Aug. 5. ... Right-hander **Ian Kennedy** and outfielder **Clint Frazier** were among five players Texas signed to minor league deals.

The NBA fined **Stephen Curry** and **Joel Embiid** $25,000 apiece. Curry was penalized for throwing his mouthpiece into the crowd during Golden State's 122-120 win over Memphis on Wednesday. Embiid's fine was for an obscene gesture during Philadelphia's win over Brooklyn on Wednesday. ... Dallas star **Luka Doncic** (ankle) will miss a game at Utah on Saturday.

Indiana coach **Mike Woodson** (COVID-19) is expected to return Saturday night against Ohio State.

Rory McIlroy and **Patrick Reed** each shot a six-under 66 in the first round of the Dubai Desert Classic.

Miami fired offensive coordinator **Josh Gattis** after one season. ... At least four more Michigan State football players facing misdemeanor charges for a skirmish inside the Michigan Stadium tunnel likely will have their cases dismissed in exchange for community service and other conditions, lawyers said.

Toronto Maple Leafs center **Auston Matthews** (knee) will miss at least three weeks. ... Seattle Kraken rookie **Matty Beniers** (unspecified injury) will miss the team's final two games before the NHL All-Star break.

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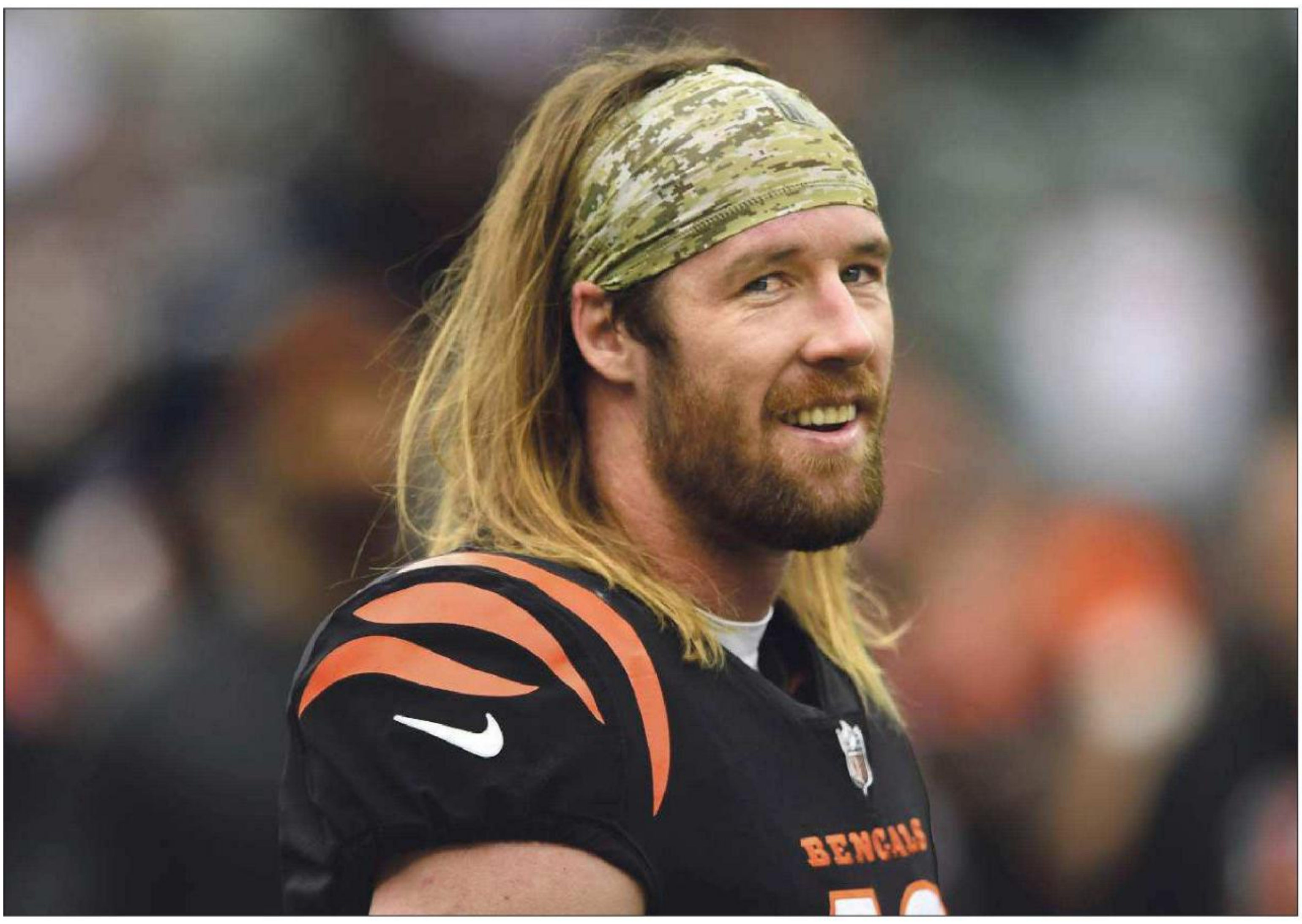
NFL :: CONFERENCE FINALS

San Francisco at Philadelphia
LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD
Sunday, noon PST | TV: Ch. 11

Cincinnati at Kansas City
ARROWHEAD STADIUM
Sunday, 3:30 p.m. PST | TV: Ch. 2



EMILEE CHINN Associated Press

TRENTON IRWIN once acted in a commercial for Velveeta, but the Hart High product is now part of Cincinnati's receiving corps.

Prepared for his first title role

A former child actor, Irwin gets shot to contribute for Bengals in AFC championship

By Gary Klein

Trenton Irwin sat at the end of the dining room table — but not for long.

The teen watched for nearly 30 seconds as others tasted their food, and then were catapulted in succession through a window, into a China cabinet and French doors. When Irwin finally took a bite, he was launched backward into the wall of a faux fireplace with more velocity than a Joe Burrow pass.

"Man, that's good," the young actor said at the end of an action-packed 2010 Kraft Velveeta television commercial, which featured the tagline, "So good, it will blow 'em away."

Irwin was 13 when he appeared in that spot. It was one of more than a dozen the Cincinnati Bengals receiver was cast for before giving up show business to fully commit to football.

On Sunday, the former Newhall Hart High and Stanford receiver goes prime time when he will play in the AFC championship game against the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Irwin, 27, is a rotational player for a Bengals team that features Ja'Marr Chase, Tee Higgins and Tyler Boyd — perhaps the NFL's best receiver group.

But he has made the most of his opportunities.

Of his 15 catches this season, four resulted in touchdowns.

"I've been in the league for four years, but this is my first real opportunity in that type of situation," Irwin said in a telephone interview. "So, I'm just having fun with it, just with my guys, my brothers and learning from the best."

Irwin's development into a fu-

[See **Irwin,** B11]

Rams hire coordinator

Sean McVay taps former New York Jets assistant Mike LaFleur for offense. **B11**

SKILLFUL WAY TO GARNER LAKERS' PRAISE

Hachimura won over his new teammates with his versatile play in impressive debut.

By Broderick Turner

The Lakers open a five-game trip Saturday against the rival Boston Celtics with a new weapon in forward Rui Hachimura. And that isn't lost on LeBron James.

After a victory over San Antonio on Wednesday, James took a seat at his locker, smiled and said, "It feels good to have another 6-8 wing in this …"

He laughed.

Hachimura was acquired from the Washington Wizards for guard Kendrick Nunn and three second-round picks Monday to give the Lakers some much-needed size. But he's also a multi-skilled player whom Lakers coach Darvin Ham said can "score at three levels."

In his debut with the Lakers on Wednesday night against the Spurs at Crypto.com Arena, Hachimura scored on the fast break, in the post and from three-point territory.

That was no surprise to Anthony Davis, who played for the first time since missing 20 games because of a right foot injury. Davis faced Hachimura when he played for the Wizards and recalled

[See **Lakers,** B9]

Lakers at Boston
When: Tonight, 5:30
Where: TD Garden
TV: Channel 7

Decision providing food for thought

Vázquez has made his love for pancakes clear but has not decided whether he'll play for the U.S. or Mexico.

By Kevin Baxter

Pancakes.

That was Brandon Vázquez's secret weapon last season. He started devouring them before games and stacked a career-high 18 goals for FC Cincinnati, double the total from his first five MLS seasons combined.

Hotcakes so fueled his hot play the team arranged for them to be available at pregame meals on all trips and a sponsorship deal with a flapjack-mix company nearly led to some extra dough. At home, he and his girlfriend would walk to the Sleepy Bee Cafe for the plain buttermilks on match days.

But the night before his national team debut this week he was running a fever, so all he could stomach was oatmeal. No matter. He scored on a header in the 29th minute, the Americans' only goal in a 2-1 loss to Serbia.

So, is it time to change the diet?

"I don't think like that. I'm not superstitious," he said Friday afternoon as he prowled the streets

[See **USMNT,** B8]

GREGORY BULL Associated Press

SAM RYDER shot an even-par 72 in the third round to maintain a two-stroke lead going into the final round. He's trying to be just the sixth wire-to-wire winner in the event's 72-year history.

Ryder shows his staying power

He remains in Farmers lead with a two-shot advantage but Rahm and Finau play well to close in fast.

By Kirk Kenney

LA JOLLA — Sam Ryder played the tourist at Torrey Pines on Friday, the Farmers Insurance Open leader content to manage the course with casual confidence during the third round while a mad scramble ensued behind him.

Ryder's even-par 72 left him with a two-stroke lead at 12 under in the Farmers, where he is bidding to be just the sixth wire-to-wire winner in the tournament's 72-year history.

"I'm not having to hit the miracle shot every time, just trying to manage my way around," Ryder said. "You don't have to go out there and shoot 66 every day out here, which I like. You just stay patient and make a lot of pars."

That's how it is when you're leading, anyway.

Had he glanced behind him, Ryder might have been triggered by this reminder: "Objects in mirror may be closer than they appear."

[See **Golf,** B10]

Farmers Insurance Open
THIRD-ROUND LEADERS
Torrey Pines Golf Course, La Jolla | Par 72 | 7,765 yards (South Course)

Rounds	1st	2nd	3rd	Total	+/-
Sam Ryder	64	68	72	204	**-12**
Jon Rahm	73	67	66	206	**-10**
Tony Finau	73	71	64	208	**-8**

ANALYSIS

UCLA can recapture its earlier tenacity

By Ben Bolch

Mick Cronin rarely goes easy on his players.

Known for ripping his team in good times (a recent home win over USC, albeit a hideous one) and bad (a November loss to Illinois after holding a 15-point lead in the second half), UCLA's volatile coach took a softer approach Thursday night.

He praised USC. He gave the Trojans credit for mucking up the eighth-ranked Bruins' offense. For making "unguardable" shots. For getting fans behind them on the way to a runaway 77-64 victory at the Galen Center in which they outscored UCLA by 25 points in the second half.

His guys? Cronin acknowledged they didn't play well. That was about it.

"You want me to come in here and beat my team up?" Cronin told reporters after his team's second consecutive loss dropped it to 17-4 overall and 8-2 in the Pac-12. "We play freshmen, we're far from a juggernaut."

It was reminiscent of the way Cronin responded to his team's three-game losing streak at the

[See **UCLA,** B9]

Djokovic looks to extend Aussie run

He tops Tommy Paul in semifinal for his 27th consecutive win at venue and reaches another final. **B10**

Kings hold on to beat Panthers

Pheonix Copley makes 45 saves while Adrian Kempe and Viktor Arvidsson score short-handed goals. **B10**

Notre Dame holds off Sierra Canyon

Knights race out to early lead and need some clutch shots in second half to put away Trailblazers. **B8**

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788 Tortuoso Way | Bel Air - David Kramer, Barry Watts / Hilton & Hyland

831 Stone Canyon Road - Shane McCoy Fermelia, Carolwood Estates / Andrew Beyer, Douglas Eliman

Open House: Sat, 1/28 & Sun, 1/29 - 2-4 pm - Lauren Forbes, Todd Jones / Compass and Rodeo Realty

Open: Saturday & Sunday, 2-5 pm - Sam Plouchart / Sotheby's International Realty

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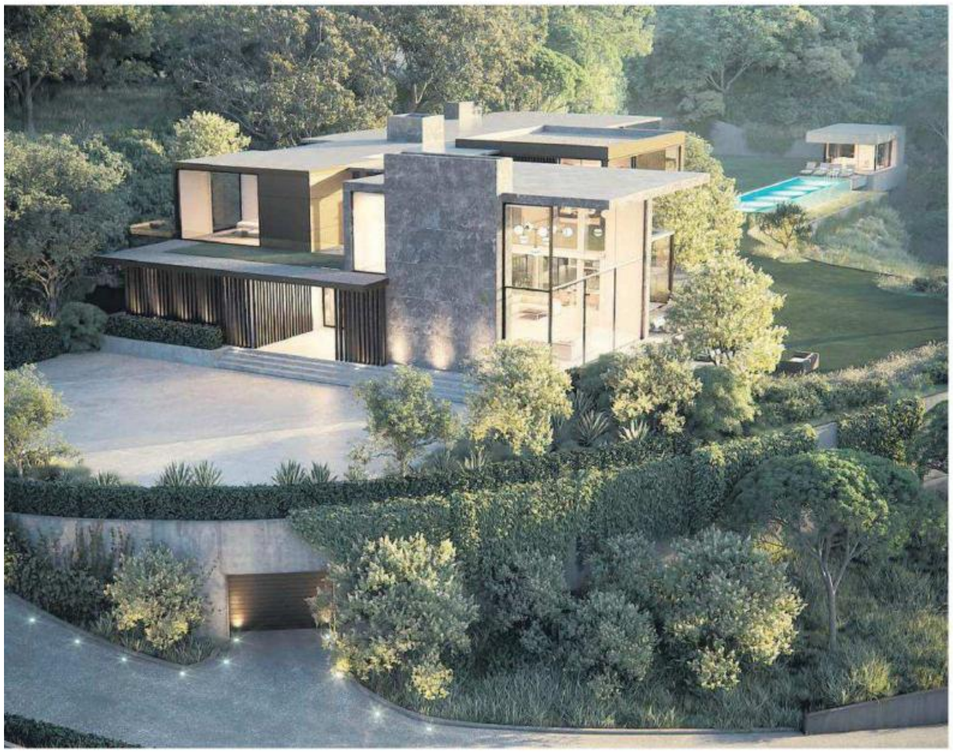

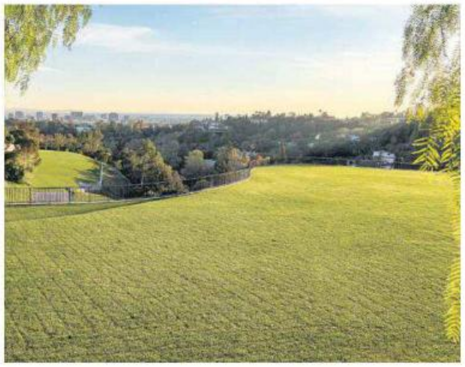

788 TORTUOSO WAY BEL AIR

Hilton & Hyland

A modern concept by Architect William Hefner, 788 Tortuoso Way is a majestic three-acre site, surrounded by homes in excess of $150M in the heart of Bel Air's prime estate section. A proposed compound of 17,000 or 23,000 sq ft. A long private driveway, accessed directly across from the famed Hotel Bel Air, leads to an elevated, private estate above. Major views from the ocean to Westwood. Room for a tennis court, guest house and acres of grass. Beyond special in every way.

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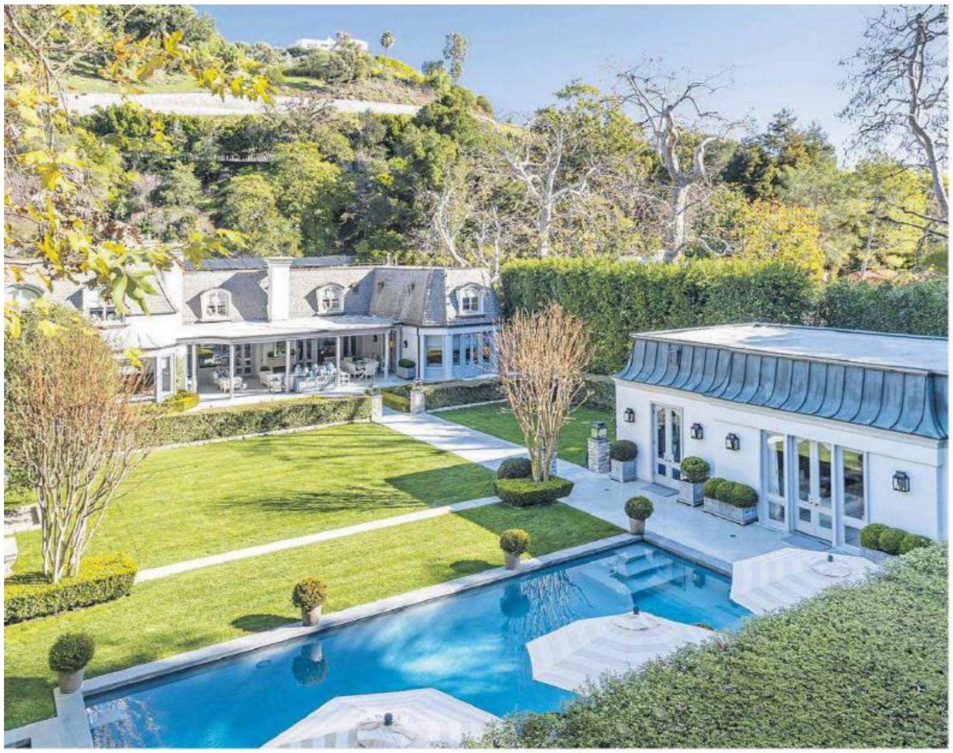
The Details

Location: 788 Tortuoso Way, Bel Air 90077
Asking price: $33,000,000

Year built: N/A
Living area: 2.966-acre site

Features: City views; ocean views; mountain views; nearly 3 acres



831 STONE CANYON ROAD

Carolwood Estates

The style and sophistication of Fifth Avenue just two houses from the Hotel Bel-Air. Featuring renovations by renowned architect John Elgin Woolf, the impeccably pedigreed Hollywood Regency-style home neatly encapsulates the best of Woolf's work--a dramatic oversized entry, black lacquered double front doors, oval shaped windows, and gracious symmetry--all beneath a mansard roof. Available for the first time in two decades, this is a rare opportunity to own a well-appointed estate of contemporary elegance and architectural significance in Los Angeles' most exclusive neighborhood.

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The Details

Location: 831 Stone Canyon Road, Bel-Air 90077
Asking price: $25,500,000

Year built: 1954
Living area: 8,445 square feet, 6 bedrooms, 9 bathrooms

Features: The French doors of the large, formal dining room and bright living room, with fireplace, both open to the expansive covered terrace with outdoor fireplace, in-ceiling heaters and multiple seating areas.

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AWARD-WINNING HILL SECTION RESIDENCE

Compass and Rodeo Realty

On this A+ Manhattan Beach Hill Section corner, Gerald Horn (F.A.I.A.) designed Sharon's California House II, an A.I.A. award-winning residence that has become a local landmark. The artistic architecture is a studied yet warm expression of modernism that affords a rare and sophisticated backdrop for incredible, unblockable ocean views. Custom steel truss beams vault the open-plan interiors, while solid teak wood windows warm the space and frame panoramic water vistas.

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The Details

Location: 904 Highview Avenue, Manhattan Beach 90266
Asking price: $7,499,000
Year built: 1996
Living area: 3,643 square feet, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms
Features: Remodeled by Griffin-Enright Architects - interior courtyard; fire pit; Hansgrohe faucets; Modulo Cucine cabinetry; Deltalight ceiling lights; kitchen remodel w/ Bulthaup; all-new gourmet Miele and Gaggeneau; SubZero appliances; all-new landscaping; all designs by Fair Studio

Open: Saturday & Sunday, 2-5 pm

1268 BEVERLY VIEW DR

Sotheby's International Realty

Elegantly renovated and offering four bedrooms and three bathrooms, a pebble-bottom pool and utmost privacy, ideally located in lower BHPO, minutes to the Beverly Hills Hotel. The gourmet kitchen with all its built-ins and breakfast room with wrap-around bench seating is perfect for family gatherings or homework. The generous primary suite includes ample closet spaces and a beautifully styled bathroom, plus direct access to the covered terrace, yard and pool. Two additional guest bedrooms share a bathroom suite. A fourth bedroom located adjacent to the kitchen and laundry room and a third bathroom complete this floor plan.

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The Details

Location: 1268 Beverly View Drive, Beverly Hills 90210
Asking price: $3,495,000
Year built: 1955
Living area: 2,688 sq ft, 9,953 sqft lot, 4 beds, 3 baths
Features: French oak hardwood floors; custom built-ins; Sonos sound system and Lutron lighting system throughout; built-in bar with wine fridge; gated circular driveway; EV charger and power backup generator complete this rare and extraordinary offering; part of Warner school district

28034 SEA LANE DRIVE
$55,000,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

23816 MALIBU ROAD
$39,995,000 | 6 Bed | 6 Bath

23826 MALIBU ROAD
$39,950,000 | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

22040 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$38,500,000 | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

24300 MALIBU ROAD
$34,500,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

28980 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$32,500,000 | 6 Bed | 5 Bath

0 TRANCAS ROAD
$30,000,000 | Approx. 24.88 Acres

6238 BONSALL DRIVE
$25,00,000 | 8 Bed | 9 Bath

28837 SELFRIDGE DRIVE
$23,995,000 | 5 Bed | 8 Bath

7052 DUME DRIVE
$20,950,000 | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

30718 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$20,000,000 | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

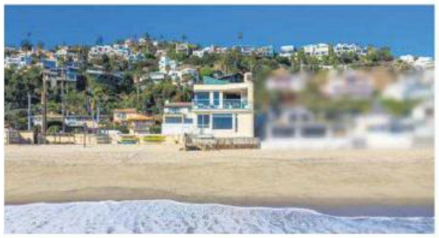
31240 BROAD BEACH ROAD
$17,000,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

32232 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$14,995,000 | Approx. 2.216 Acres

31630 SEA LEVEL DRIVE
$14,995,000 | 4 Bed | 6 Bath

22407 CARBON MESA ROAD
$13,500,000 | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

30227 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$11,995,000 | 6 Bed | 7 Bath



21424 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$11,750,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

32453 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$11,500,000 | 7 Bed | 11 Bath

29821 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$11,450,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

7015 GRASSWOOD AVENUE
$10,995,000 | 5 Bed | 7 Bath

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33332 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$9,250,000 | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

11100 PACIFIC VIEW ROAD
$8,995,000 | 9 Bed | 12 Bath | Rendering

1396 ANDERSON LANE | SANTA BARBARA
$8,700,000 | Approx. 17.36 Acres

6672 ZUMIREZ DRIVE
$7,995,000 | Approx. 1.18 Acres

18233 COASTLINE DRIVE
$6,450,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

21623 RAMBLA VISTA
$6,450,000 | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

6135 CAVALLERI ROAD
$5,995,000 | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

30099 HARVESTER ROAD
$3,495,000 | Approx. 0.414 Acres | Rendering

6445 LATIGO CANYON ROAD
$2,450,000 | Approx. 5.196 Acres

3465 ENCINAL CANYON ROAD
$1,575,000 | Approx. 5.792 Acres

21 PARADISE COVE ROAD
$1,100,000 | 1 Bed | 2 Bath

SOUTH FOOSE ROAD
$950,000 | Approx. 5.05 Acres

33740 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$275,000/month | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

22368 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$250,000/month | 9 Bed | 14 Bath

23402 MALIBU COLONY ROAD
$250,000/month | 6 Bed | 7 Bath

24434 MALIBU ROAD
$125,000/month | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

25236 MALIBU ROAD
$125,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

30962 BROAD BEACH ROAD
Winter Rate: $100,000/month, Summer Rate: $200,000/month
7 Bed | 7 Bath

23816 MALIBU ROAD
$100,000/month | 6 Bed | 6 Bath

23826 MALIBU ROAD
$100,000/month | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

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32852 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$100,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

28926 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$85,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

27348 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$85,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

32554 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$85,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

26901 SEA VISTA DRIVE
$80,000/month | 6 Bed | 9 Bath

29046 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$75,000/month | 2 Bed | 3 Bath

23614 MALIBU COLONY ROAD
$75,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

30718 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$75,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

5868 ZUMIREZ DRIVE
$74,000/month | 5 Bed | 8 Bath

23018 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$65,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

28899 CLIFFSIDE DRIVE
$60,000/month | 6 Bed | 5 Bath

24314 MALIBU ROAD
$60,000/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

32453 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$60,000/month | 7 Bed | 11 Bath

27445 WINDING WAY
$60,000/month | 6 Bed | 8 Bath

22407 CARBON MESA ROAD
$50,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

31646 SEA LEVEL DRIVE
$50,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

27082 MALIBU COVE COLONY DRIVE
$49,900/month | 4 Bed | 5 Bath

24230 MALIBU ROAD
$49,900/month | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

22148 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$45,000/month | 2 Bed | 5 Bath

31952 1/2 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$45,000/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

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7157 BIRDVIEW AVENUE
$40,000/month | 3 Bed | 4 Bath

4908 BUNNIE LANE
$40,000/month | 5 Bed | 5 Bath

3000 DECKER CANYON ROAD
$40,000/month | 5 Bed | 6 Bath

23901 MALIBU KNOLLS ROAD
$40,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

31284 BROAD BEACH ROAD
$35,000/month | 6 Bed | 6 Bath

27727 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$35,000/month | 4 Bed | 4 Bath

6702 WILDLIFE ROAD
$35,000/month | 6 Bed | 5 Bath

28873 BONIFACE DRIVE
$30,000/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

27070 MALIBU COVE COLONY DRIVE
$30,000/month | 2 Bed | 2 Bath

6750 FERNHILL DRIVE
$29,500/month | 4 Bed | 3 Bath

27400 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY #105
$22,500/month | 3 Bed | 3 Bath

24216 MALIBU ROAD
$18,750/month | 3 Bed | 2 Bath

28943 GRAYFOX STREET
$16,995/month | 3 Bed | 2 Bath

33461 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
$12,000/month | 3 Bed | 2 Bath

18100 WAKECREST DRIVE
$12,000/month | 3 Bed | 3 Bath

28711 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY #22
$6,900/month | 2 Bed | 2 Bath

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325 GEORGINA AVE, SANTA MONICA
$8,995,000 | 5 BD | 5 BA | 20,899 SF LOT

OPEN HOUSE | **SATURDAY 1-4PM**
SUNDAY 1-4PM

319 14TH STREET, SANTA MONICA
$7,995,000 | 5BD | 8BA | 7,500+ SF

OPEN HOUSE | **SUNDAY 1-4PM**
TUESDAY 11-2PM

409 20TH STREET, SANTA MONICA
$5,888,000 | 4BD | 4BA | + Guest House

OPEN HOUSE | **SUNDAY 1-4PM**

IVARENE AVE
VINE STREET

2166 VINE STREET, EAST HOLLYWOOD HILLS
$1,725,000 | 3BD | 3BA | 10,000 SF LOT

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The Hideaway

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3 Beds + Office
3 Full + 1 Half Bath
3,600 Sq Ft
$3,595,000 | Furnished

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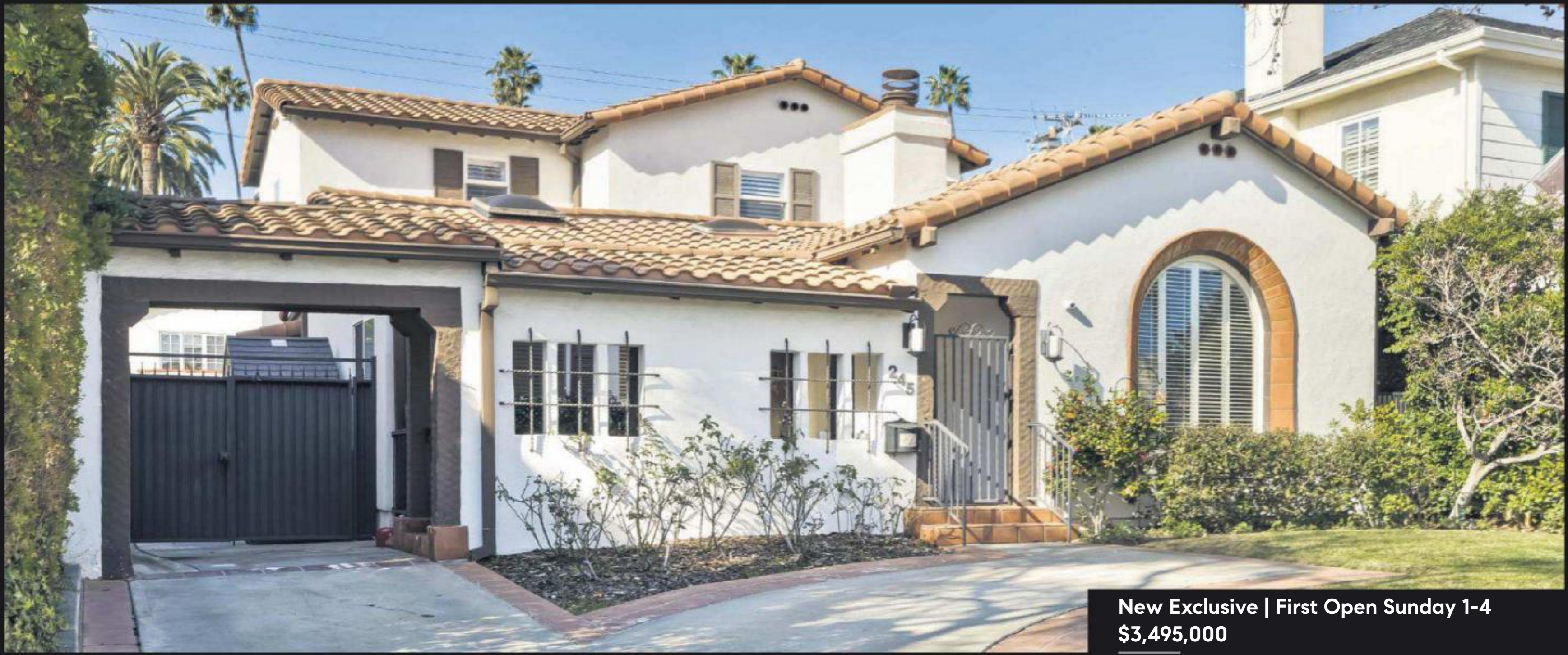
BEVERLY HILLS

245 South Oakhurst Drive



New Exclusive | First Open Sunday 1-4
$3,495,000

4 Bed | 3.5 Bath | ± 3,109 Sq ft

- Beautifully redone 2sty Courtyard Spanish gem
- Modern elements seamlessly combine with classic charm
- Featuring high ceilings and wood floors
- Large open-flow living and dining rooms
- Enormous skylit chef's kitchen with top built-ins and walk-in pantry
- Great den with built ins and opens to the rear deck and yard
- Huge downstairs owner's suite with 2 walk-ins and luxe bath
- 3 bedrooms upstairs (possible junior owner's bedroom)
- Big backyard with pergola, BBQ center, and low-maintenance turf
- Curb appeal on a coveted quiet road west of Doheny Drive

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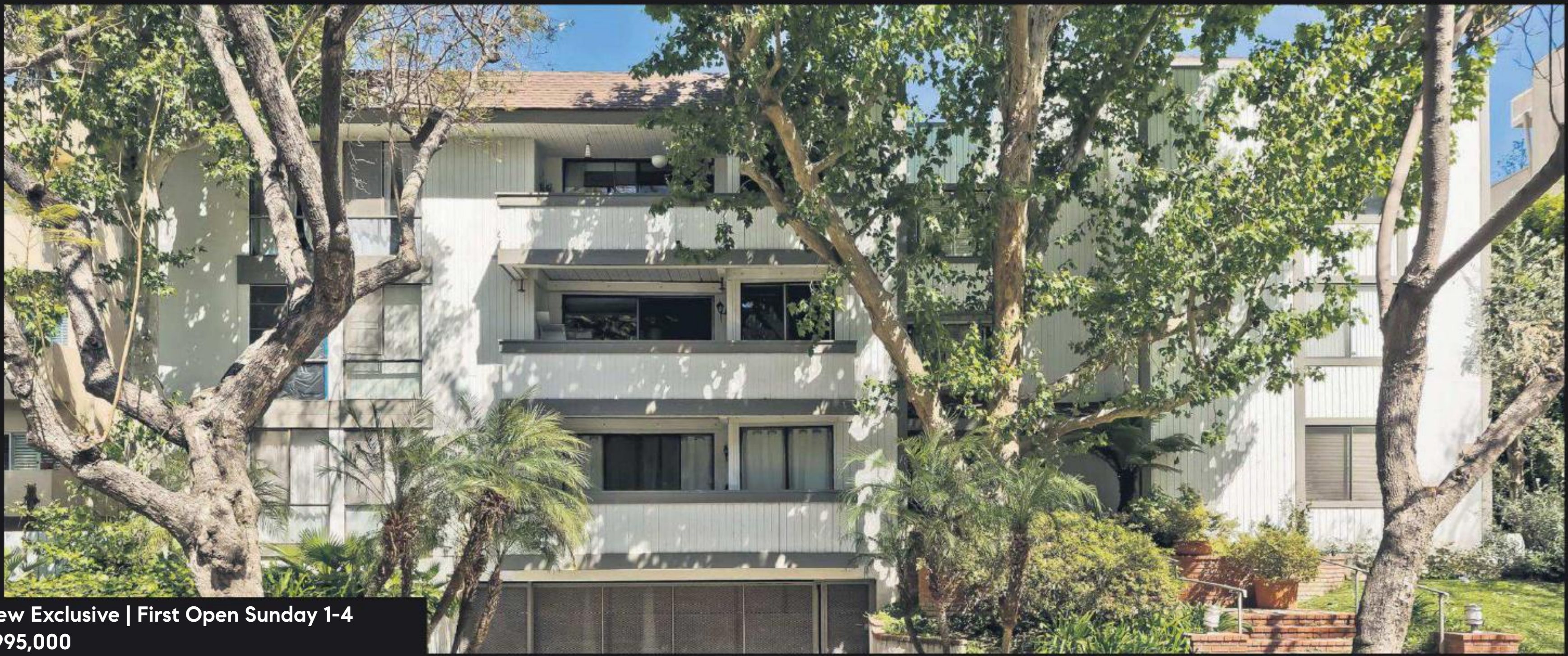
406 North Oakhurst Drive Unit 205



New Exclusive | First Open Sunday 1-4
$995,000

2 Bed | 2 Bath | ± 1,471 Sq ft

- Trust Sale – 1 st time available in 44 years
- Spacious sunlit 2 bedroom and den 2nd floor unit
- Quiet rear location facing a central courtyard
- Immaculate older condition ready for renovation
- Large living and dining areas open to a covered balcony
- Sizable kitchen/breakfast area
- Separate den opens to the living room
- Large laundry room
- Owner's suite with big walk-in closet
- 15 unit 3sty boutique building with low HOD's
- Gated community parking with 2 side by side spaces
- Amazing value on a quiet Jacaranda tree-lined road

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The Marketplace

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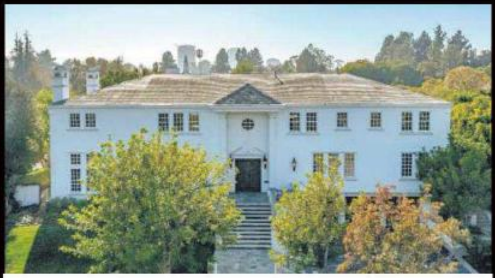
Beverly Hills



JUST SOLD

809 N. Linden Drive **$13,800,000**
Grand 1988-blt Trad 6BD 6.5BA championship tennis estate. Sunlit. X-hi clngs. Wd flrs. French drs. Library. 2 Fam rms. 22,000 sq ft lot. Endless potential here!

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

711 N. Oakhurst Drive **$10,800,000**
Custom remodel in 2006. 1.5sty Euro Villa. Lush 20,000sqftlot.5BD5.5BA.Greatrm.Motorcourt.X-deep grounds. Lawns/patios/pl/spa/privacy. Quiet road.

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD OVER ASKING

723 N. Bedford Drive **$8,495,000**
1st time avail in 58yrs. Immac older 2sty 5BD Tradit. 14,340 sf lot. Sep office & huge fam rm. Grand 1st flr owner's ste. Pl, rec rm/cabana. Endless potential.

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

505 N. Roxbury Drive **$5,995,000**
1st time avail in 51 yrs! Older 1sty 4BD 3BA+ outdoor guest unit w.kitch/ba. Sunlit rms. Open plan flows to rear grounds w.mature foliage/cacti. Uber prime block moments to all.

Beverly Hills

NEW X | FIRST OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

245 S. Oakhurst Drive $3,495,000
Beaut updated spacious 2sty modern Spanish. 4BD 3.5BA + den. Hi clngs. Wd flrs. Huge cook's kitch. Big yrd w/pergola. Curb appeal. Uber prime quiet road.

Beverly Hills

NEW X | DO NOT DISTURB OCCUPANTS

423 S. Bedford Drive **$3,295,000**
Spacious Deco-era Spanish Duplex. Each unit 3BD 3BA. Updated kitch & baths. Hi clngs. Wd flrs. W/D in units. Prime quiet road. Curb appeal

Beverly Hills

NEW X | DO NOT DISTURB OCCUPANTS

438 S. Bedford Drive **$2,995,000**
Lovely 1929 Spanish Duplex. Each unit 3BD 2BA. Wd flrs. Hi clngs. Updated kitch and baths. W/D in units. Dining rms/dens. Rear gardens/patio. Quiet rd.

Wilshire Corridor

NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

10380 Wilshire Boulevard Unit 602 **$2,675,000**
Pristine lite-filled NE crnr unit. Near 3,200 sq ft. 3BD 3.5BA Beaut drk wd flrs. Hi clngs. Glass walls. 2 balconies. City/hillside vus. Great rm. Coveted full srvc La Tour.

Beverly Hills

JUST SOLD

463 S. Beverwil Drive **$2,749,000**
Authentic Deco-era 1.5sty Spanish Hacienda. 1st time avail in 48yrs. Huge inner courtyard. 3BD 3BA. Sunlit. Wd flrs. Beams. Outdr office. Curb appeal!

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Culver City

NEW X | OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

3556 Helms Avenue **$1,495,000**
Older 1sty 2BD 2BA + den + outdoor bonus spaces. Uber potential on 5,400 sq ft R2 lot. Prime quiet rd. NE Culver City. Moments to the best. Trust sale.

Beverly Hills

PENDING

318 N. Maple Drive Unit 304 **$1,495,000**
Sunlit spacious older 1-level SW front corner unit. Coveted steel /concrete bldg. 2BD 2.5BA. Great rm. Side x side prkg. Pl/spa/on-site supervisor.Potential!

Century City

JUST SOLD

2331 Century Hill **$1,399,000**
Fab 1-level 2BD 3.5BA 2nd flr unit. Over 2,300 sq ft. Great room. Lg balcony. Peek-a-boo vus. Updated granite kitch. Primary ste w/2 baths/walk-ins. Quiet!

Beverly Hills

NEW X | FIRST OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

406 N. Oakhurst Drive, Unit 205 **$995,000**
1st time avail in 44 yrs! Spacious older unit. 2BD + den 2.5BA. 1,471 sq ft. Lg covered balc. Quiet sunlit rear location. Low HOD's. Side x side prkg.

Beverly Hills

JUST LEASED

724 N. Roxbury Drive **$28,500/mo**
Stunning cstm 2sty sunlit Modern. Over 6,200 sq. ft. 5BD 5.5BA. Sep lg den/office & fam rm. Open plan. Hi clings. Huge primary w/luxe ba, balc, fp. X-priv yrd w/pl/lawn/BBQ.

Beverly Hills

JUST LEASED

301 S. Roxbury Drive **$14,500/mo**
Stunning sunlit redone 2sty spacious Spanish. 3BD. 4.5BA. Great rm. Hi clngs. Gleaming wd flrs. Top quality new kitch & bas. 2 Primary suites. Lg grass/patio yard.

Westwood Hills

NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT

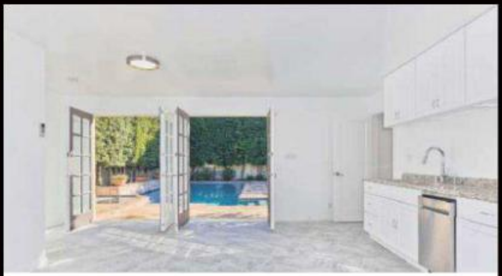
11227 Cashmere Street **$9,900/mo**
Beaut redone 1sty 3BD 2.5BA Tradit. Sunlit open flow. Gleaming wd flrs. Chic newer kitch/bas. Mstr w/walk-in. 2 level resort yrd w/waterfall/patios/kitch/views.

Beverly Grove

JUST LEASED

6220 W. 5th Street **$7,700/mo**
Fab updated 2sty sunlit Spanish. 3BD 3BA + GH. Dining/den. Xlg primary ste. Hi clngs. French drs. Huge yrd. Patios/deep lawns. Walled curb appeal. Quiet road. Long term.

Beverly Hills



NEW X | BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

608 N. Alta Drive GH **$4,350/mo**
Newly redone 1BD 1BA ADU. Spectacular location in prime quiet BH Flats. Over 700 sq ft. All utilities included. Use of pool/spa. Priv washer/dryer. Long term.

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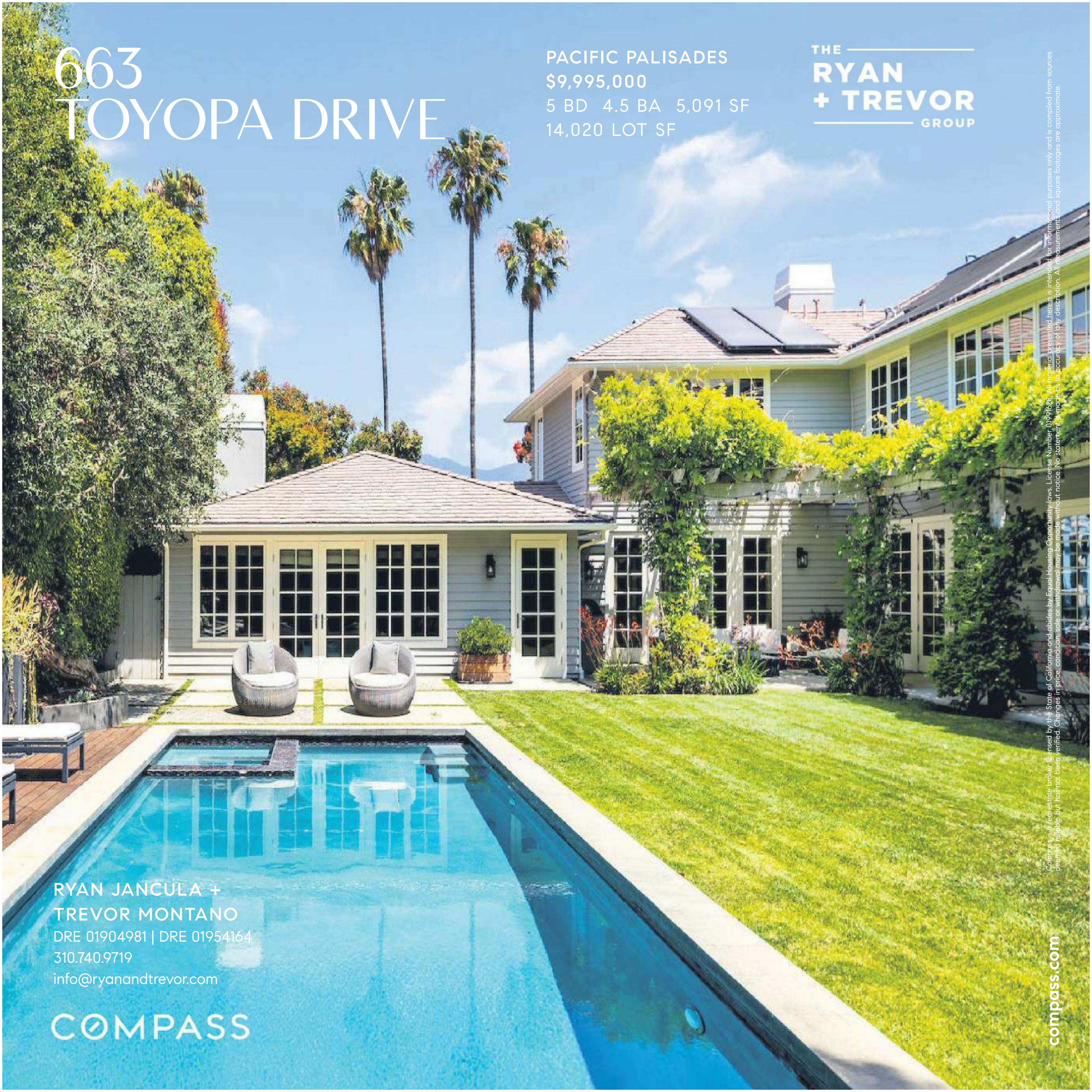

663
TOYOPA DRIVE

PACIFIC PALISADES
$9,995,000
5 BD 4.5 BA 5,091 SF
14,020 LOT SF

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14830 PAMPAS RICAS BLVD
PACIFIC PALISADES

5 BEDROOMS

9 BATHROOMS

11,750 SF

16,260 SF LOT

$24,000,000

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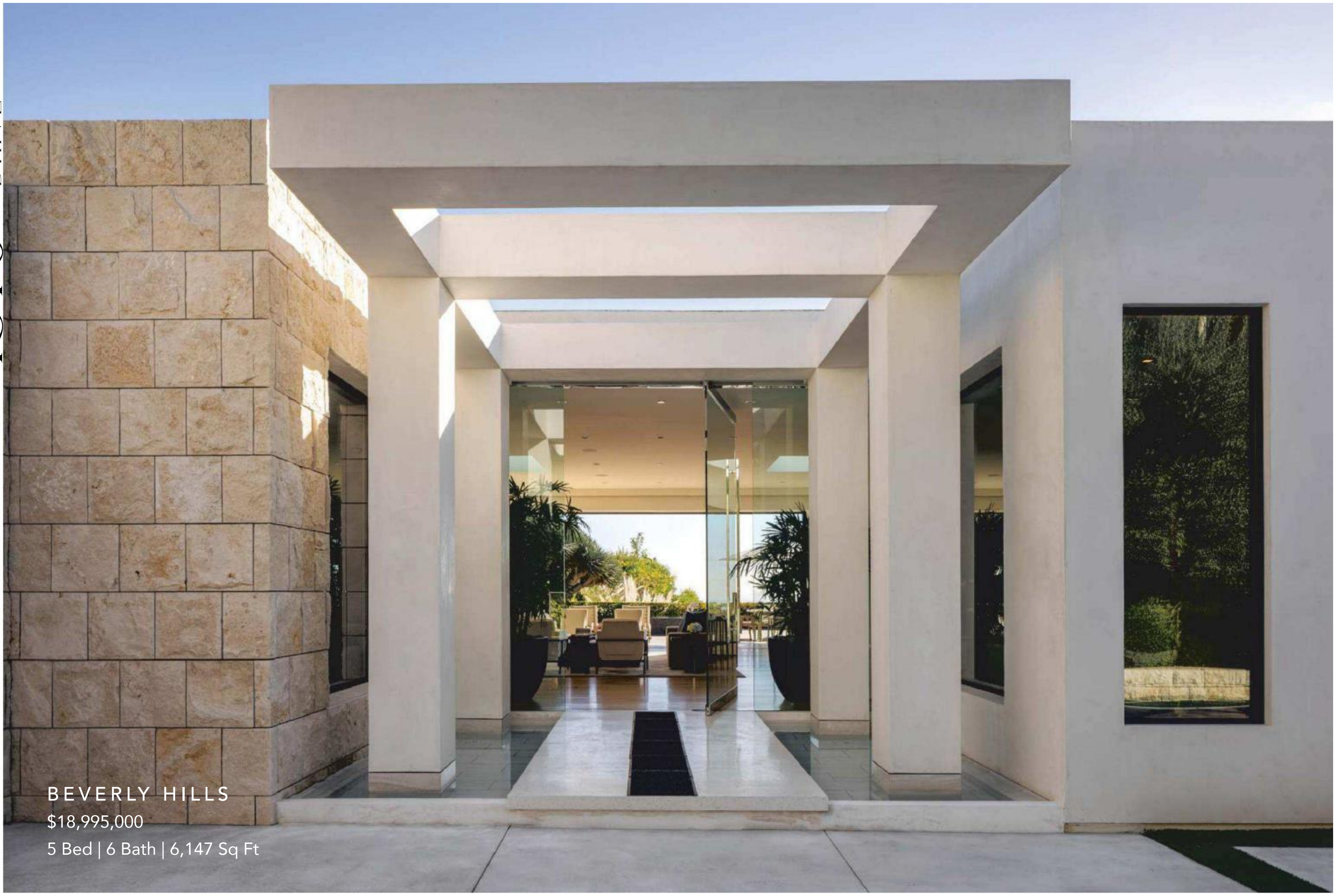
1510 LOMA VISTA DRIVE



BEVERLY HILLS
$18,995,000
5 Bed | 6 Bath | 6,147 Sq Ft

Built to complement the pedigree of the prestigious Trousdale Estates enclave of Beverly Hills by the world-renowned architect, Michael Marquez, this compound of contemporary flow and thoughtful detail is meticulously programmed for a discerning new owner of luxurious taste. Bathed in natural light from floor-to-ceiling walls of glass, the living space is both sophisticated and functional with high-end finishing, five beds, seven baths, smart home technology, and a custom dual-sided fireplace A chef's kitchen masterpiece is complete with Miele appliances, a Blue-star range, 150-bottle wine room with a pouring station, Sub Zero refrigerators and custom cabinetry. A primary wing boasts lavish spa-like bathrooms of travertine including dual vanities, shower, and sitting tub. Complete with dual walk-in closets and vaulted ceilings, the bedroom flows open to the private backyard. The outdoor oasis is exclusively nestled in the Trousdale hillside against the LA skyline with entertaining spaces among a lushly manicured space, an infinity pool, and a spa.

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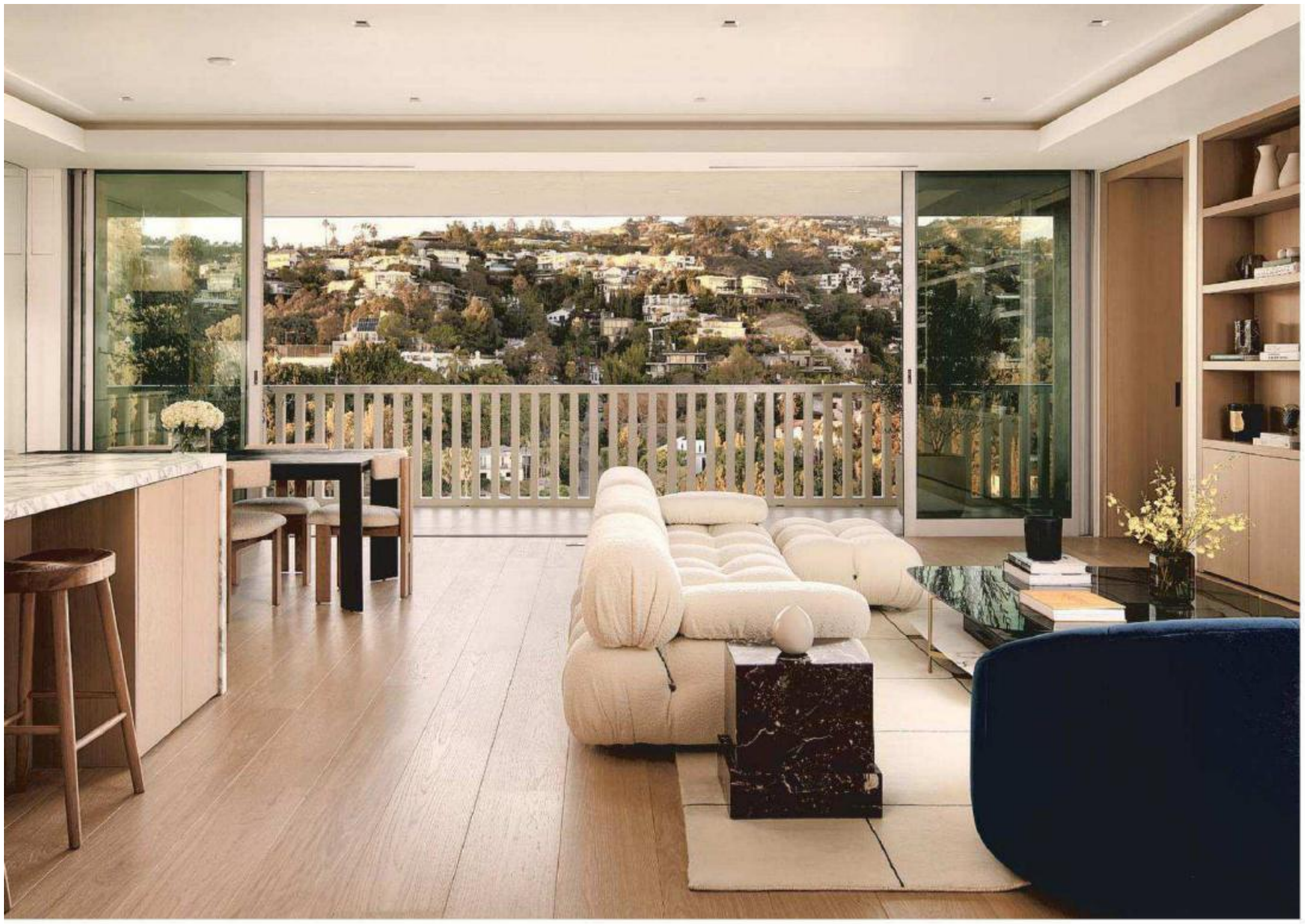

SIERRA TOWERS

9255 DOHENY ROAD

WEST HOLLYWOOD | $3,395,000

Co-listed with Josh Greer
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9818 CURWOOD PLACE

BEVERLY HILLS | $4,999,950

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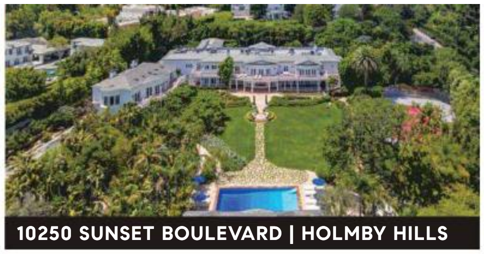
1859 BEL AIR ROAD | BEL AIR

$68,000,000 | 9 BD | 12 BA | 20,000 SF | 2.6 ACRES



10250 SUNSET BOULEVARD | HOLMBY HILLS

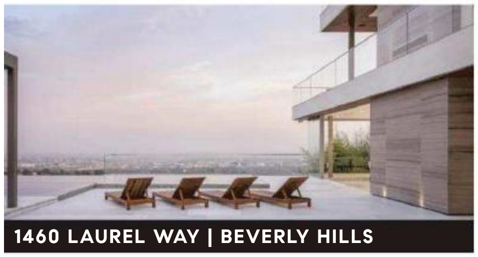
$65,000,000 | 17 BD | 25 BA | 29,108 SF | 2.81 ACRE LOT

133 SOUTH MAPLETON DRIVE | HOLMBY HILLS

$65,000,000 | 9 BD | 14 BA | 30,000 SF | 1.10 ACRE LOT

638 SIENA WAY | BEL AIR

$42,500,000 | 7 BD | 11 BA | 16,849 SF | APPROX. 1 ACRE LOT



1460 LAUREL WAY | BEVERLY HILLS

$37,500,000 | 7 BD | 13 BA | 16,424 SF

626 SIENA WAY | BEL AIR

$36,950,000 | 7 BD | 11 BA | 8,264 SF | APPROX. 1 ACRE LOT

1041 LAUREL WAY | BEVERLY HILLS

$22,495,000 | 5 BD | 8 BA | 9,508 SF

1317 DELRESTO DRIVE | BEVERLY HILLS

$21,900,000 | 6 BD | 9 BA | 9,680 SF

JUST LISTED

1510 LOMA VISTA | SANTA MONICA

$18,995,000 | 5 BD | 6 BA | 6,147 SF

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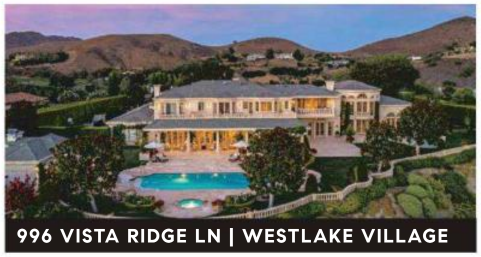

996 VISTA RIDGE LN | WESTLAKE VILLAGE

$14,999,000 | 5 BD | 7 BA | 12,988 SF

600 CLINTON PLACE | TROUSDALE ESTATES

$13,499,000 | 5 BD | 8 BA | 6,871 SF

NEWLY PRICED

2406 LA MESA DRIVE | SANTA MONICA

$10,945,000 | 5 BD | 5 BA | 4,765 SF

1064 LAKEVIEW DRIVE | WESTLAKE VILLAGE

$9,450,000 | 8 BD | 10 BA | 12,167 SF | 3 ACRE LOT

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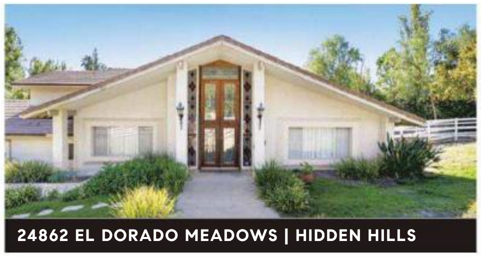

24862 EL DORADO MEADOWS | HIDDEN HILLS

$6,999,000 | 4 BD | 5 BA | 4,239 SF

NEWLY PRICED | OPEN HOUSE SUNDAY 1-4PM

9818 CURWOOD PLACE | BEVERLY HILLS

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UNIT C-34 - **$3,500,000** | 3BD | 4.5 BA | 2260 SF

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1,046± Sq Ft

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2131 Century Woods Way **Lynn Rogo**
$5,000,000 **Mark Rogo**
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Lemons are versatile, and in addition to flavoring, there are numerous household uses for them.

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EIGHT HOME HACKS THAT MAKE LIFE EASIER

All it takes is doing things a little differently to enjoy some big improvements

Duct tape, lemons, and pipe cleaners are just a few examples of everyday items that can be used in a variety of ways that make your home life better. They save you time, effort, or money – and sometimes all three. Take a look at eight hacks worth trying:

1. Use rechargeable batteries

Whenever you can reuse something rather than throw it in the trash, it's better for your health and the environment. That's the case with rechargeable batteries versus regular batteries, which don't last long and eventually are thrown away. Though the rechargeable kind is more expensive, you save over the long run because you can use them over and over again.

2. Turn on a lighted screwdriver

When you've got to fix something in a dark space, it's awkward to hold your smartphone (with the lightbulb app opened) and a screwdriver at the same time. Having both in one tool will make the job go faster and more efficiently.

3. Grow your own vegetables

Start a vegetable garden in your own yard. Pick a sunny spot to plant seeds or seedlings, fertilize the soil, and don't overwater. Soon, you'll be feasting on your favorite produce without having to go to a store. You'll pay less, too!

4. Keep a step ladder handy

Instead of climbing onto a wobbly chair to grab something on a high shelf, keep a small stepladder in a convenient spot like in a first-floor closet. They are typically both affordable and compact, with many folding up to be slim and storage-friendly. Safety first!

5. Create non-slip hangers

If you've ever put clothing on a hanger and it fell off to the bottom of your dusty closet, you understand the frustration. To prevent having to rewash the item, wrap a few pipe cleaners around the hanger on both sides. Hello, friction!

6. Squeeze lemons

This natural cleaner contains nothing that's harmful to you or the environment. Say no to expensive store-bought cleaners and instead make your own. Mix fresh lemon juice with water and use it on windows to make glass shiny, spray in your microwave oven to get rid of food odors, or make your house smell clean and fresh by filling a stockpot with water and spent lemons to simmer on a stove.

7. Assign different colors for keys

If you carry a lot of keys but have trouble telling them apart, painting each one a different color will help distinguish which one goes in which lock.

8. Use sticky tape to remove pet hair

Does your upholstered furniture or your clothing get covered in dog or cat hair? There's an easy way to get rid of it: Wrap your hand with a piece of duct tape, sticky side up, and roll back and forth against the furry surface. The hair will immediately stick to the tape, successfully removing the pet hair.

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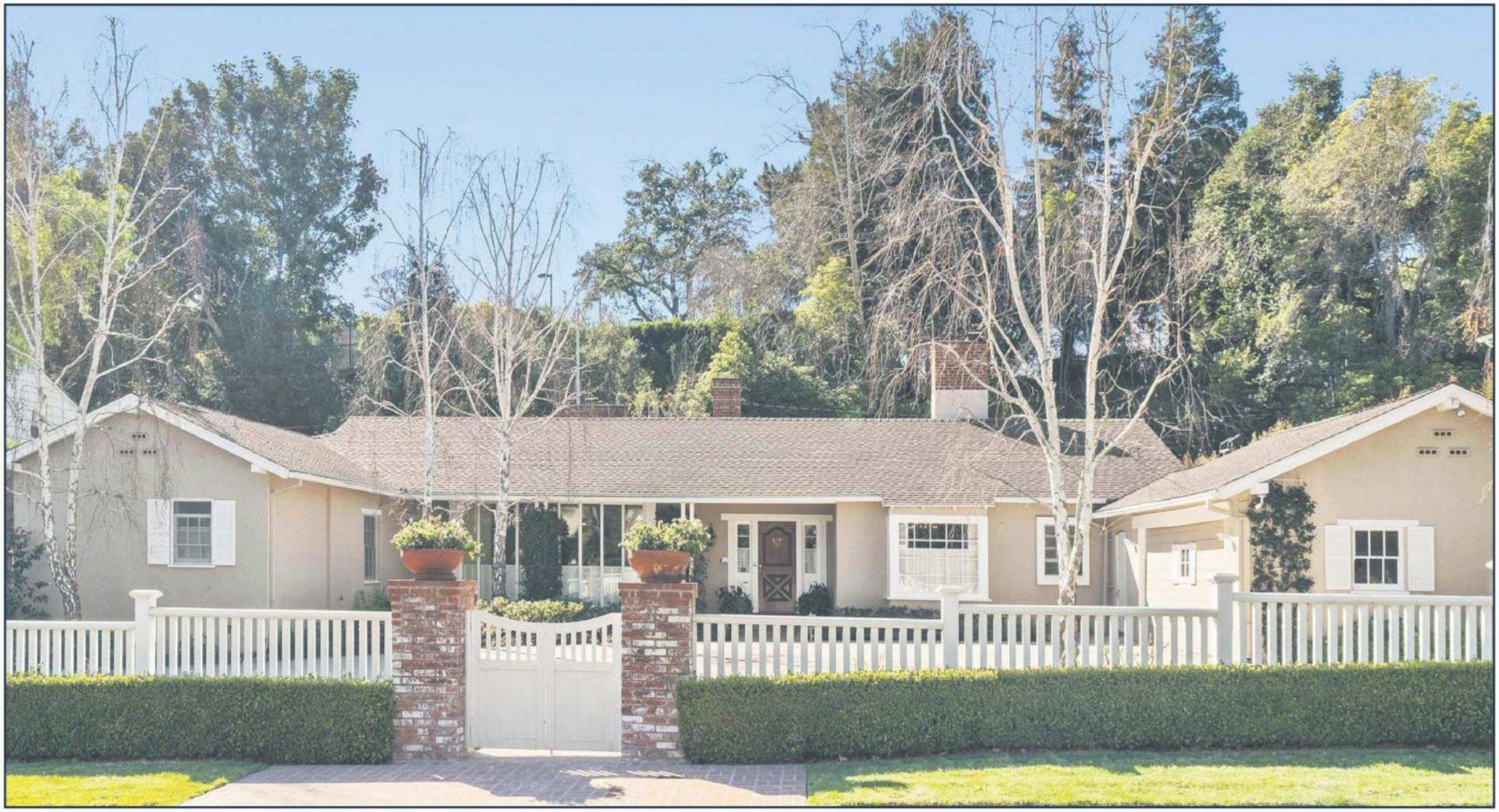

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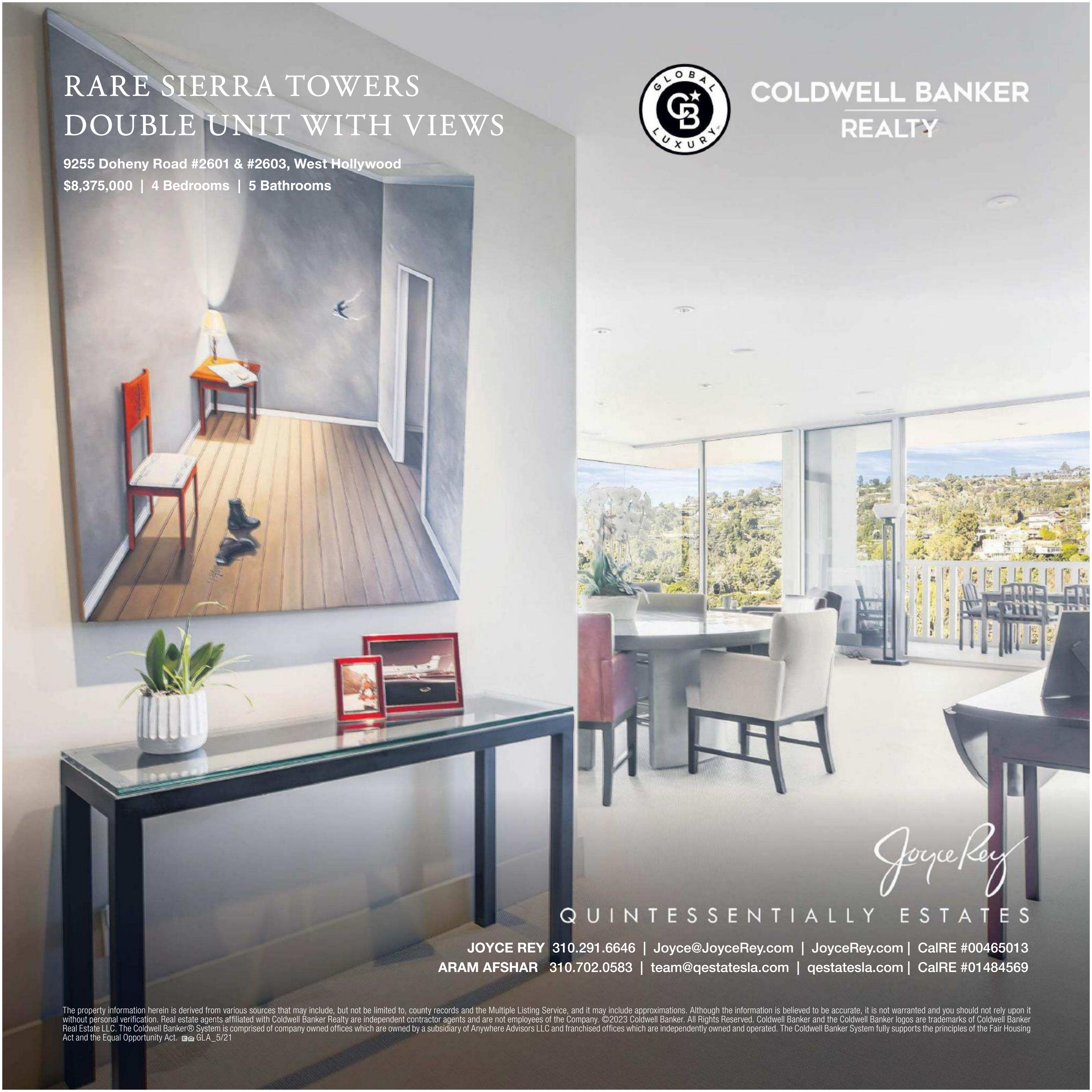

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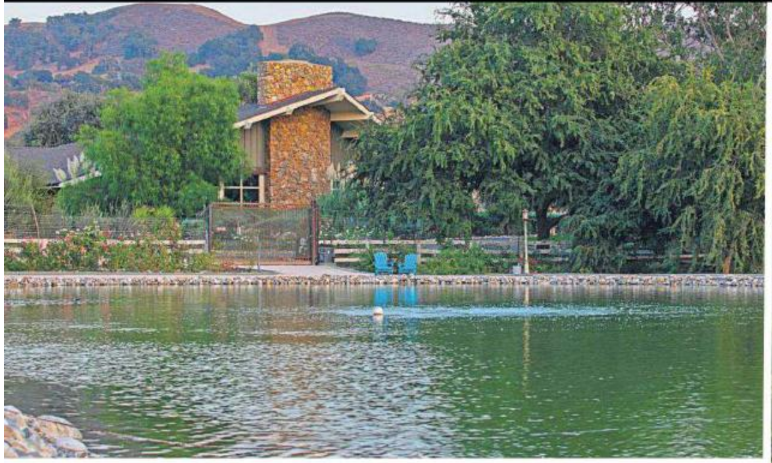

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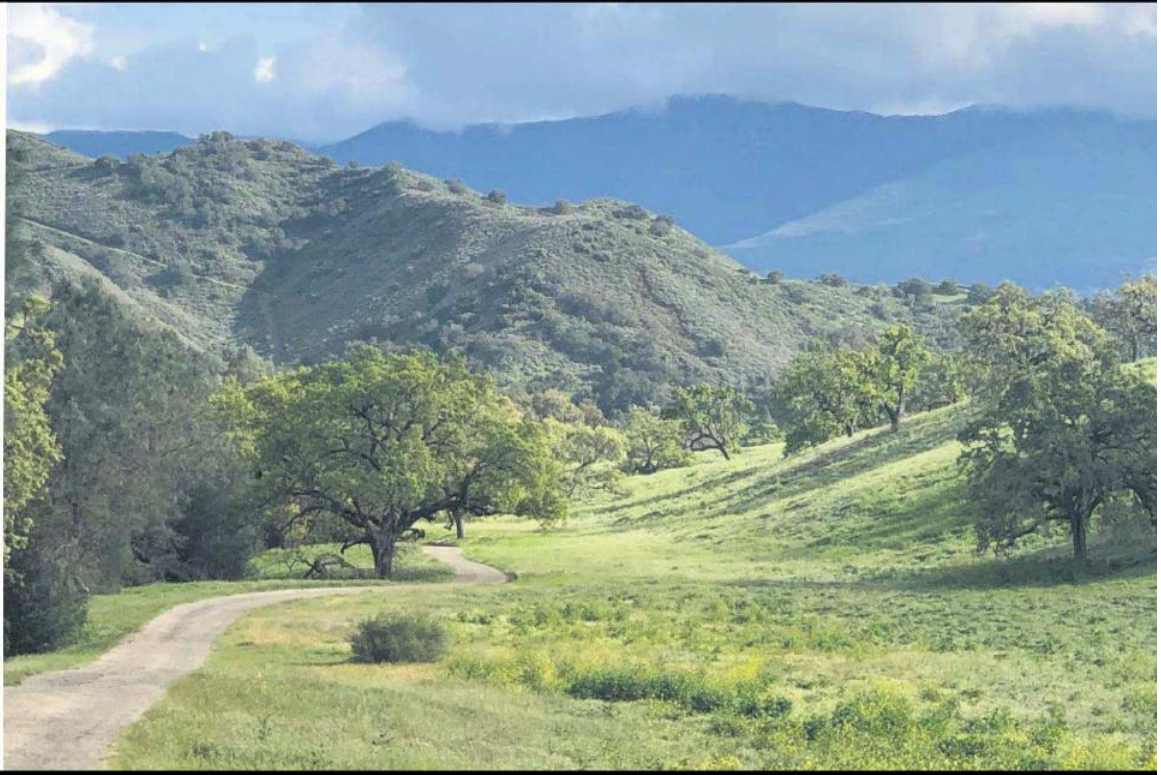

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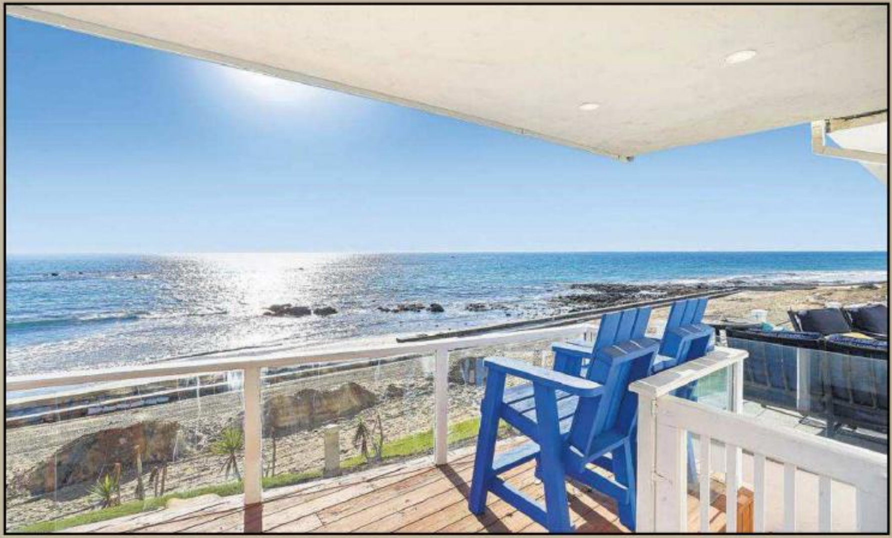

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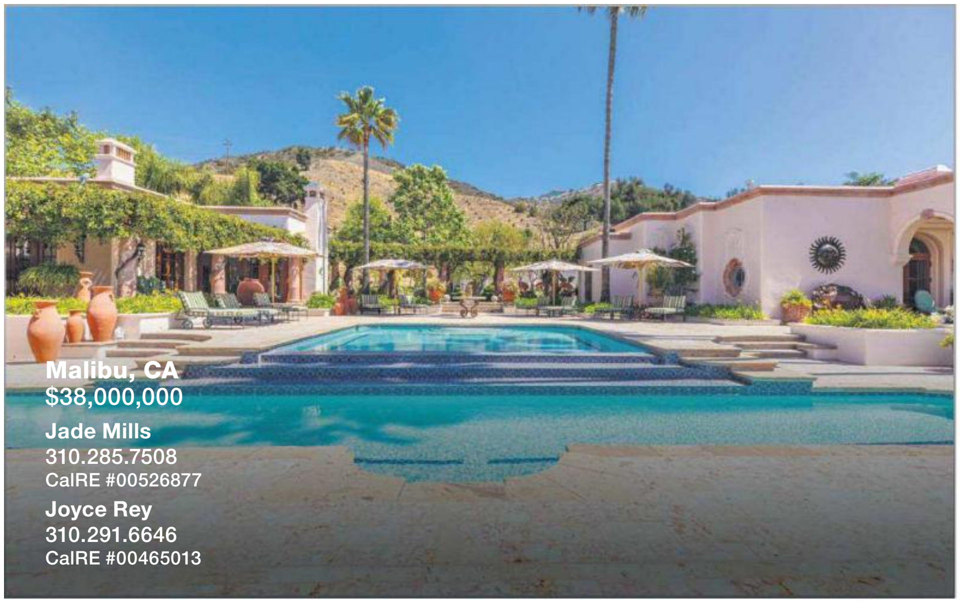

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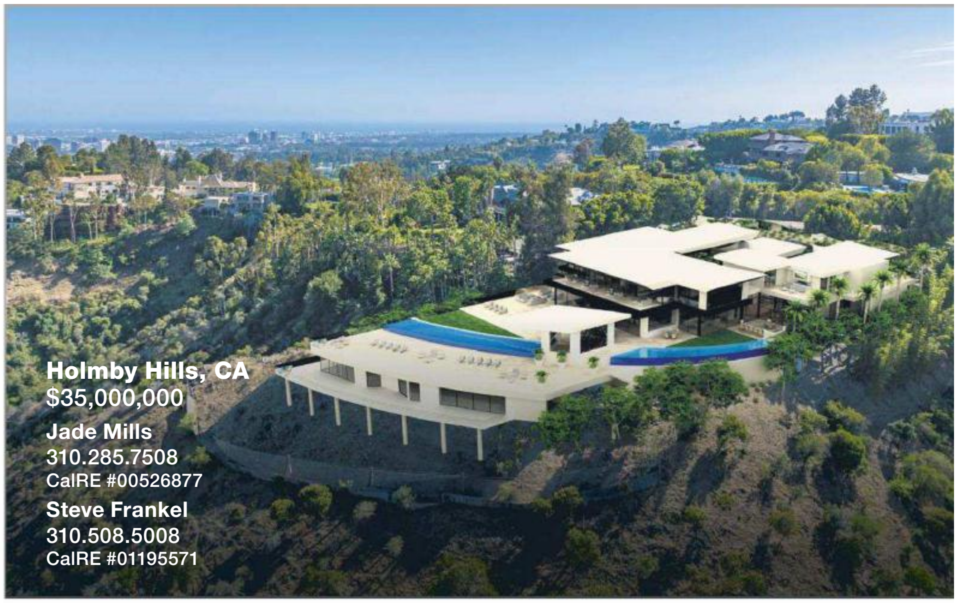

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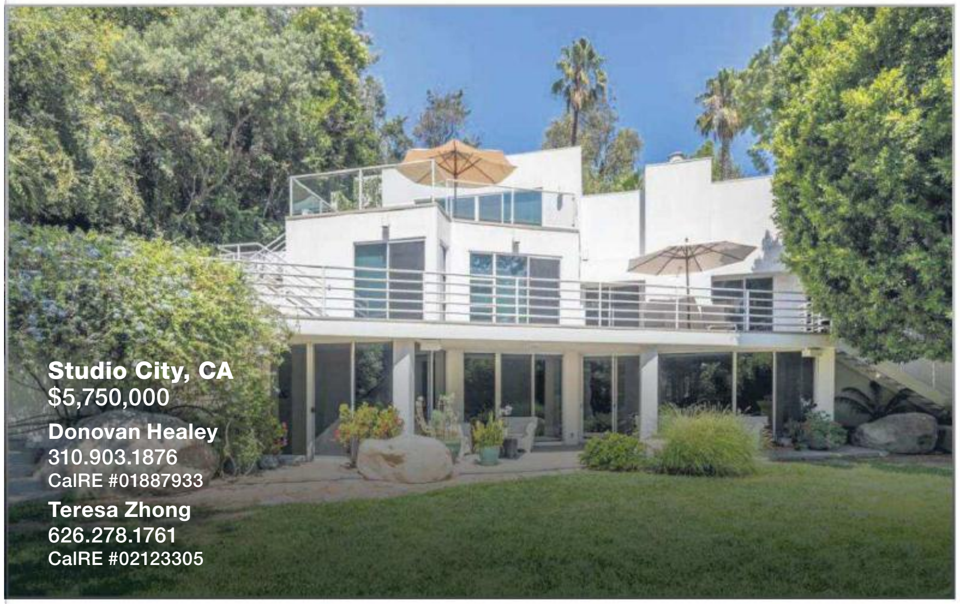

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Fake or real? Faux flowers can be so realistic that only you will know.

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WHY PEOPLE ARE CHOOSING FAUX FLOWERS

Blooms made with top-notch fabric or plastic are growing in popularity

Artificial flowers have come a long way from the days they were made of cheap plastic and looked too perfect, with identical petals that bore little resemblance to what's found in nature. But things have changed considerably since then: Modern-day imposters have a much more natural look – you'd be hard-pressed to spot the fakes based on color, shape, or texture at weddings or as part of a home's décor. Here's why:

The Fakes Resemble The Real Thing

While many artificial flowers look real, some do a better job than others. To get the most realistic faux, study photos of real flowers and take this knowledge with you when you hunt down the best fakes. Keep the look of your arrangement simple, limiting it to one or two colors, plus greenery. Skip the premade arrangements and go for DIY ones made with individual stems. Put them in a beautiful vase or another container just as you would real flowers.

Fake Flowers Don't Require Much Care

You can go on a long business trip or extended vacation and not worry your flowers will be dead when you get home. Follow the manufacturer's care instructions, which may only involve occasional dusting.

It's Impossible To Kill Them

If you're prone to forgetting to change the water in a vase full of real flowers, adopting the artificial version is made for you. They never need fresh water, and there are no stems you ever have to cut off. Just plunk them in a vase and you're done!

They Last A Long Time

Though high-quality faux flowers don't come cheap, they last pretty much forever with minimal care. From a financial standpoint, they're a bargain.

You Can Get Any Flower You Want, No Matter The Season

You want tulips in December? Sure! Whatever fakes you fancy will be available whenever you want them. And for brides, you'll never have to accept last-minute substitutions of flowers your florist can't get ahold of or pay exuberant amounts of money to get an out-of-season stem.

Feathers Are Trending, Too

Colorful and shapely, feathers add soft texture to a setting. Let the beauty of striped pheasant feathers stand out in simple wall frames or display pretty plumes of varying heights in a vase on your fireplace mantel, on an entryway table, or in your bedroom. Want to ruffle some feathers? Decorate your sofa with fluffy pillows sporting a feather motif.

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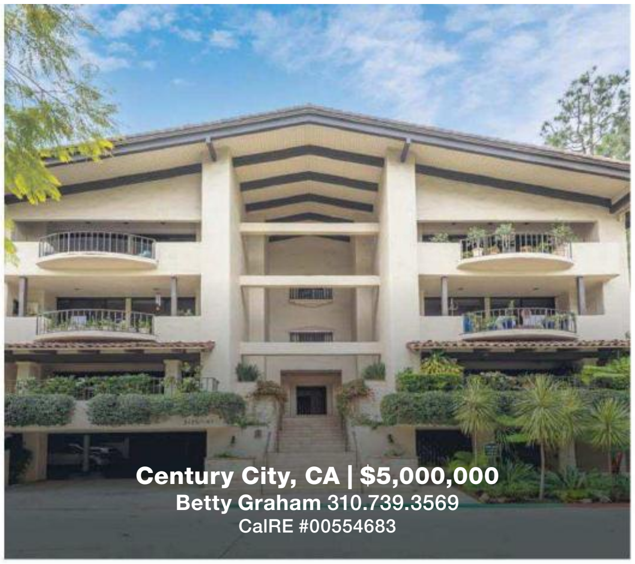

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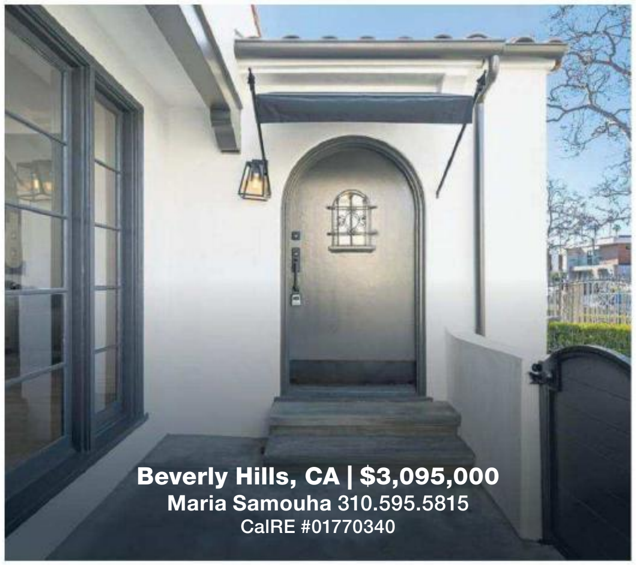

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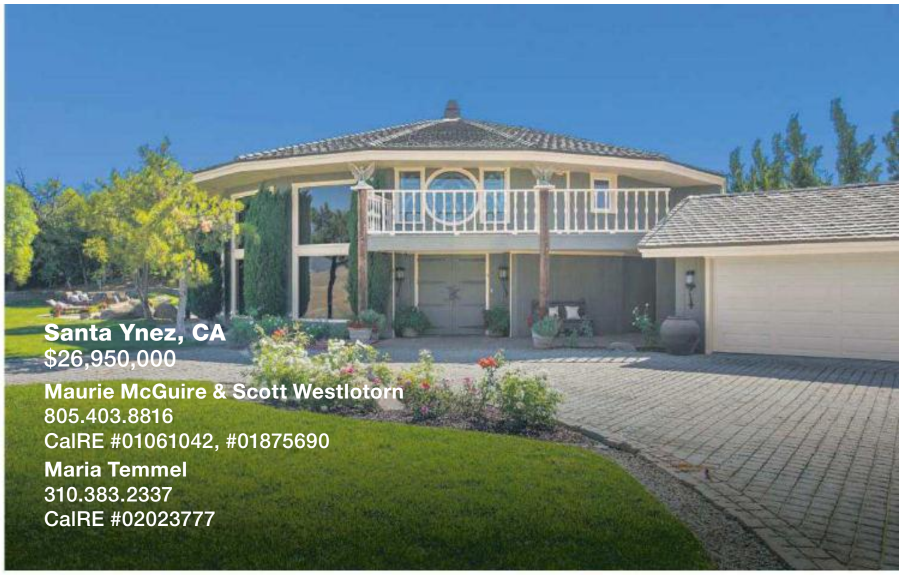

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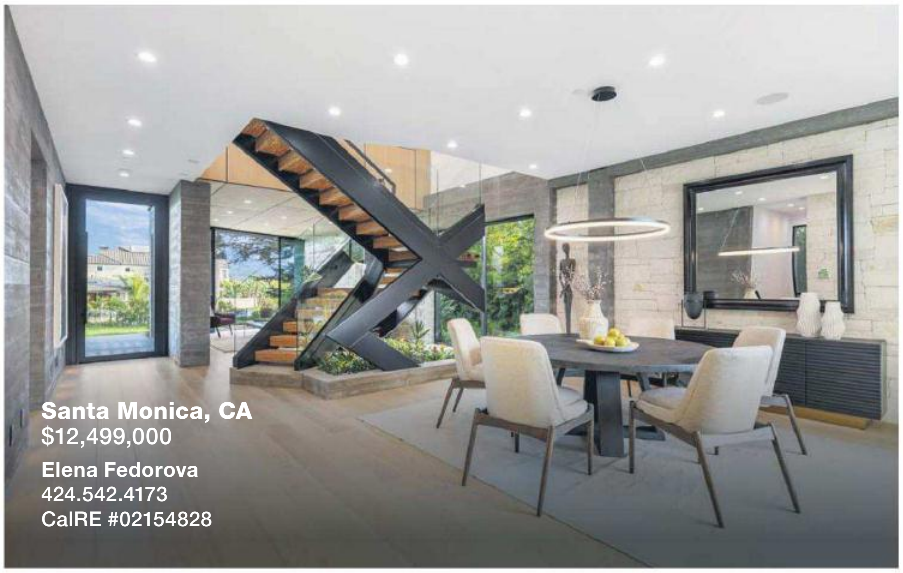

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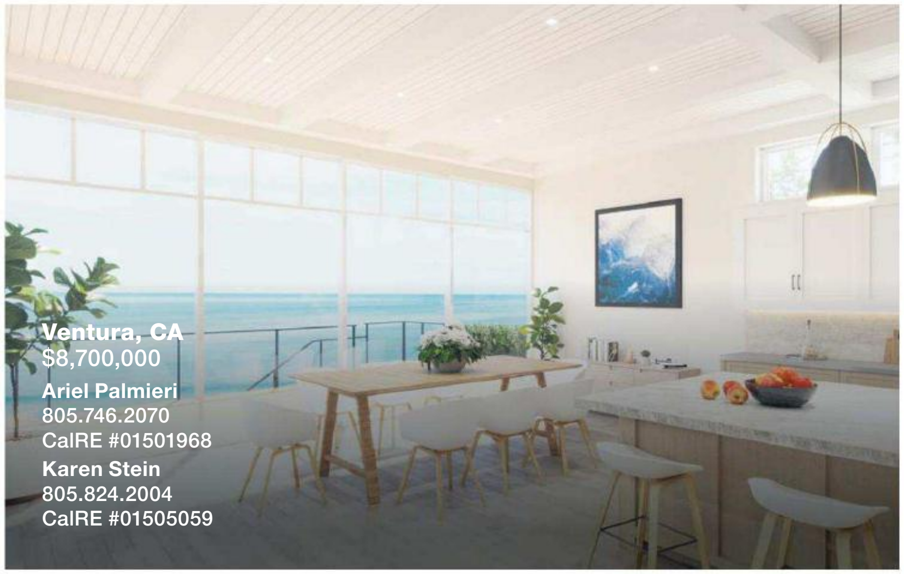

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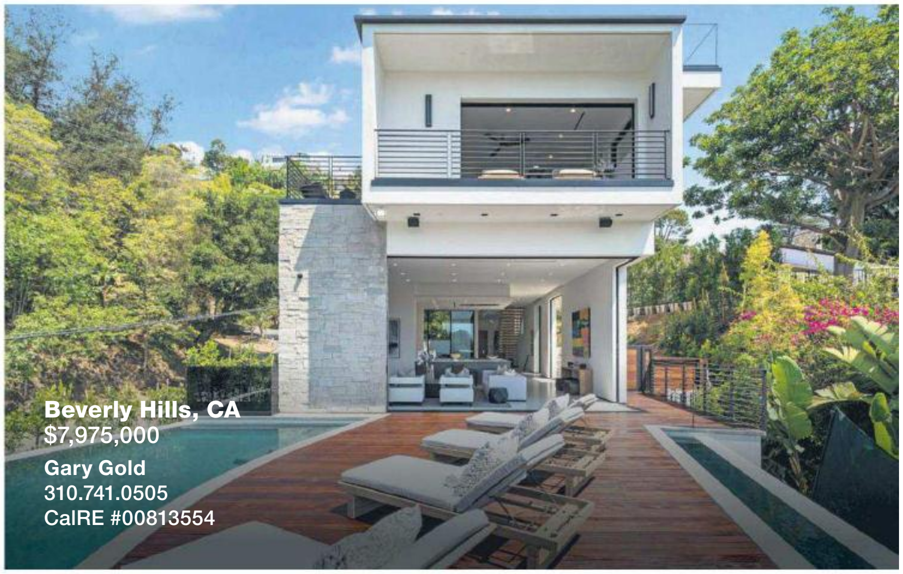

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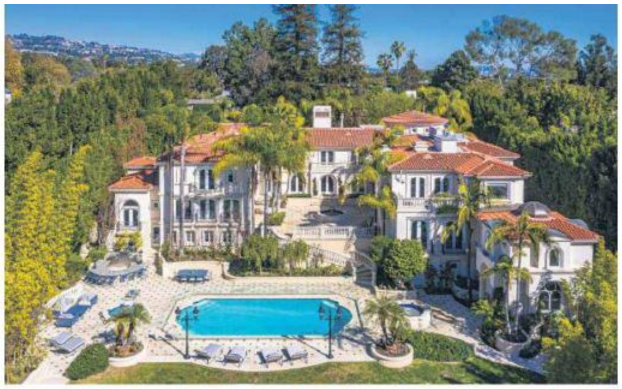

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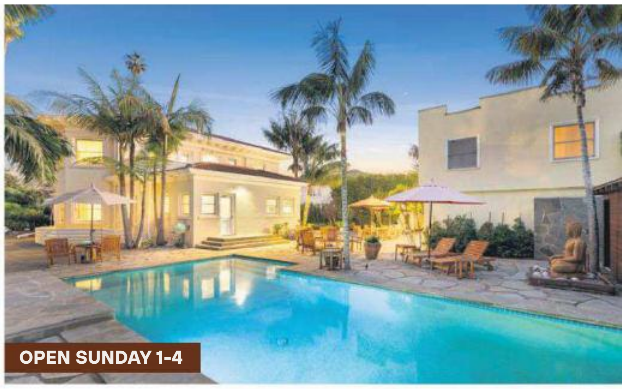

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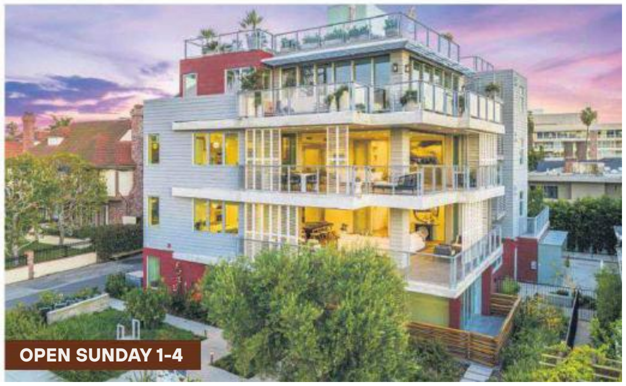

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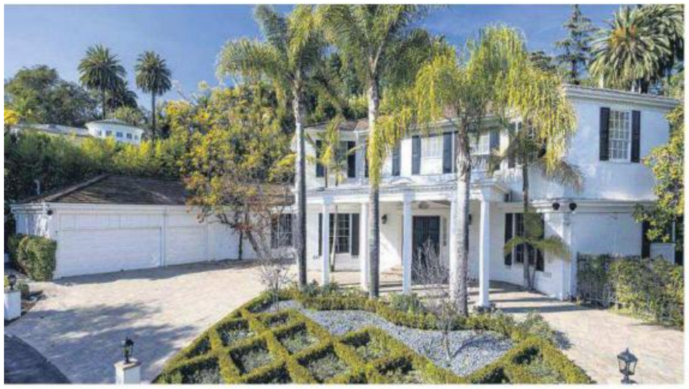

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$6,500,000 | **347 25th ST, SANTA MONICA**
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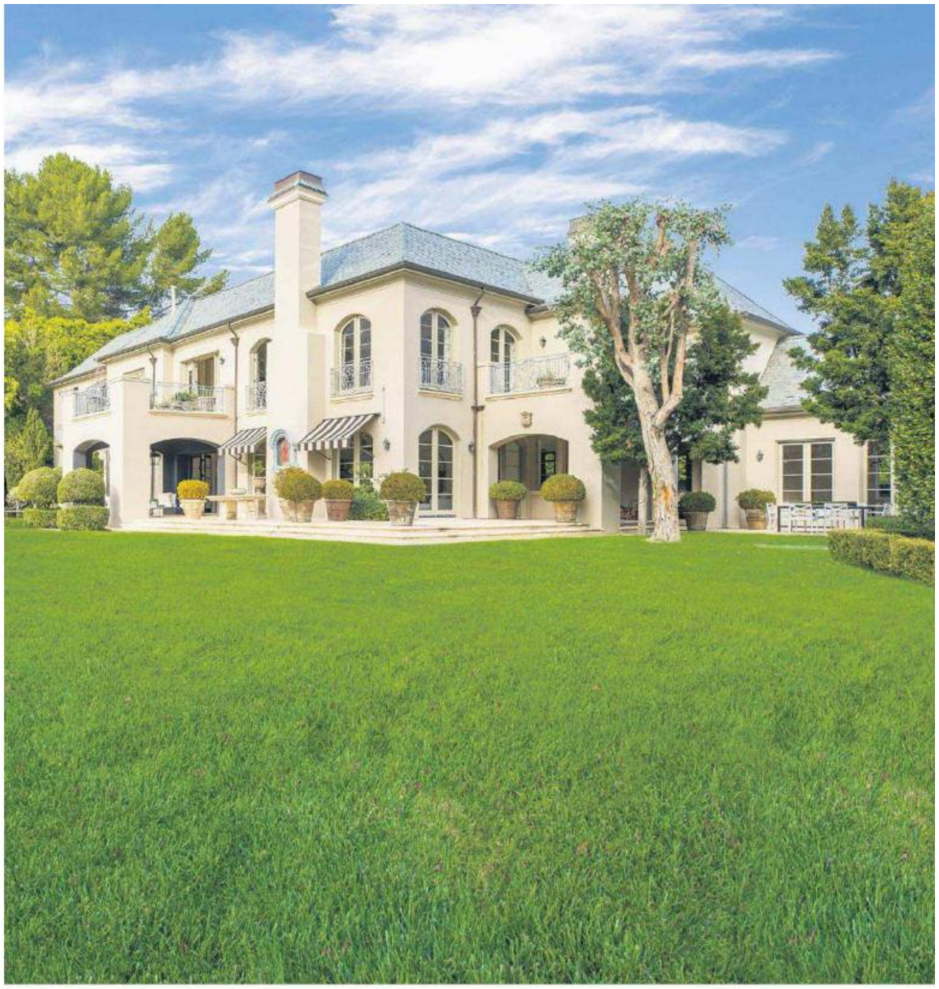

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1501 TOWER GROVE DRIVE, BEVERLY HILLS

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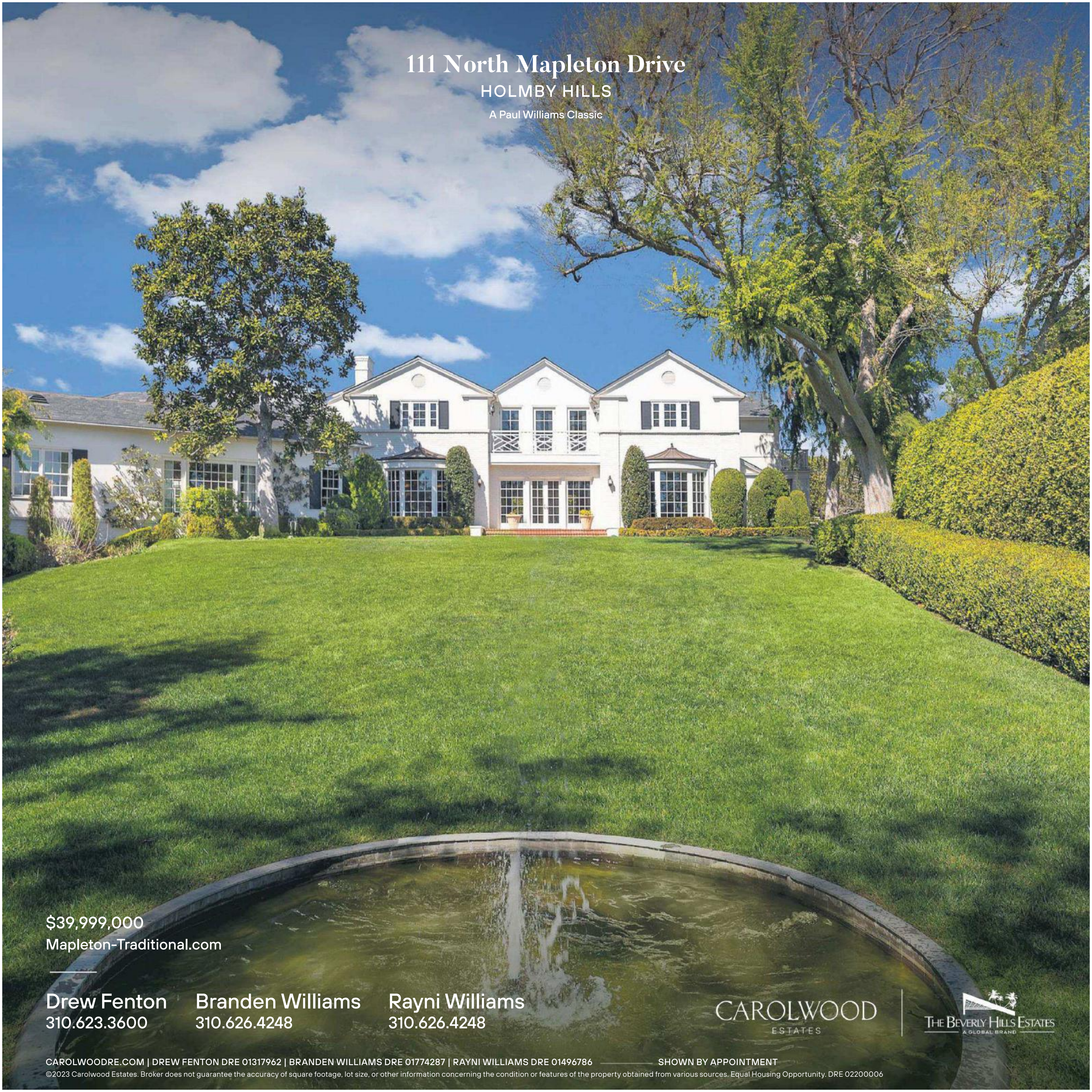

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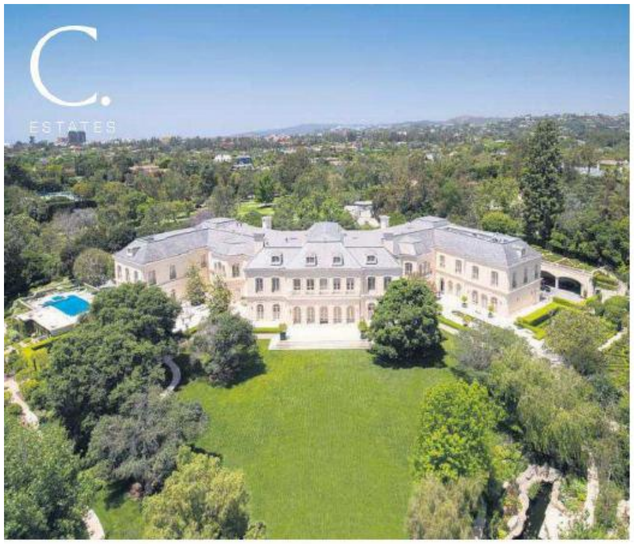

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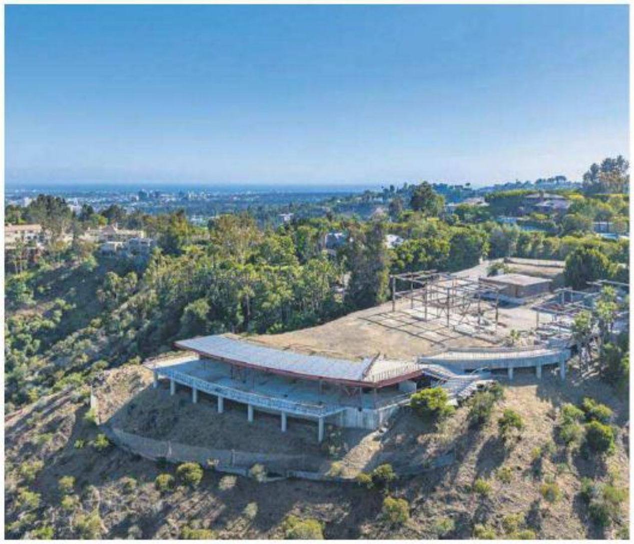

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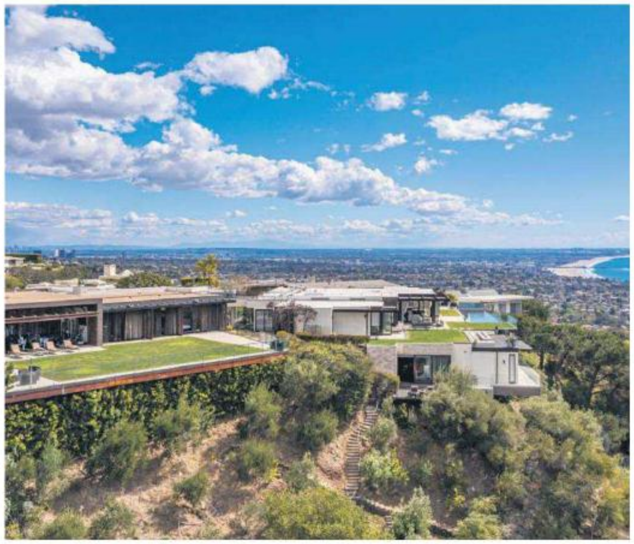

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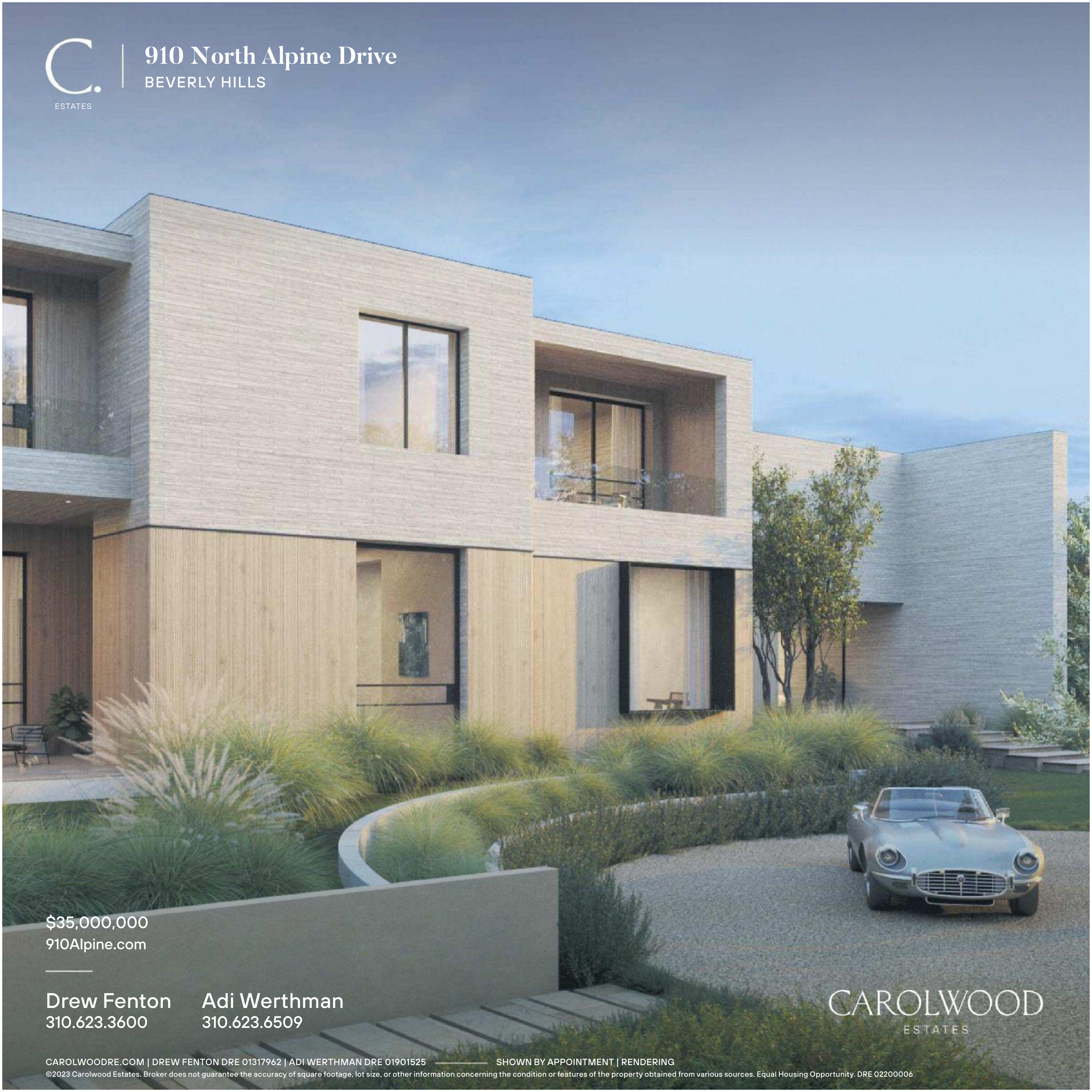

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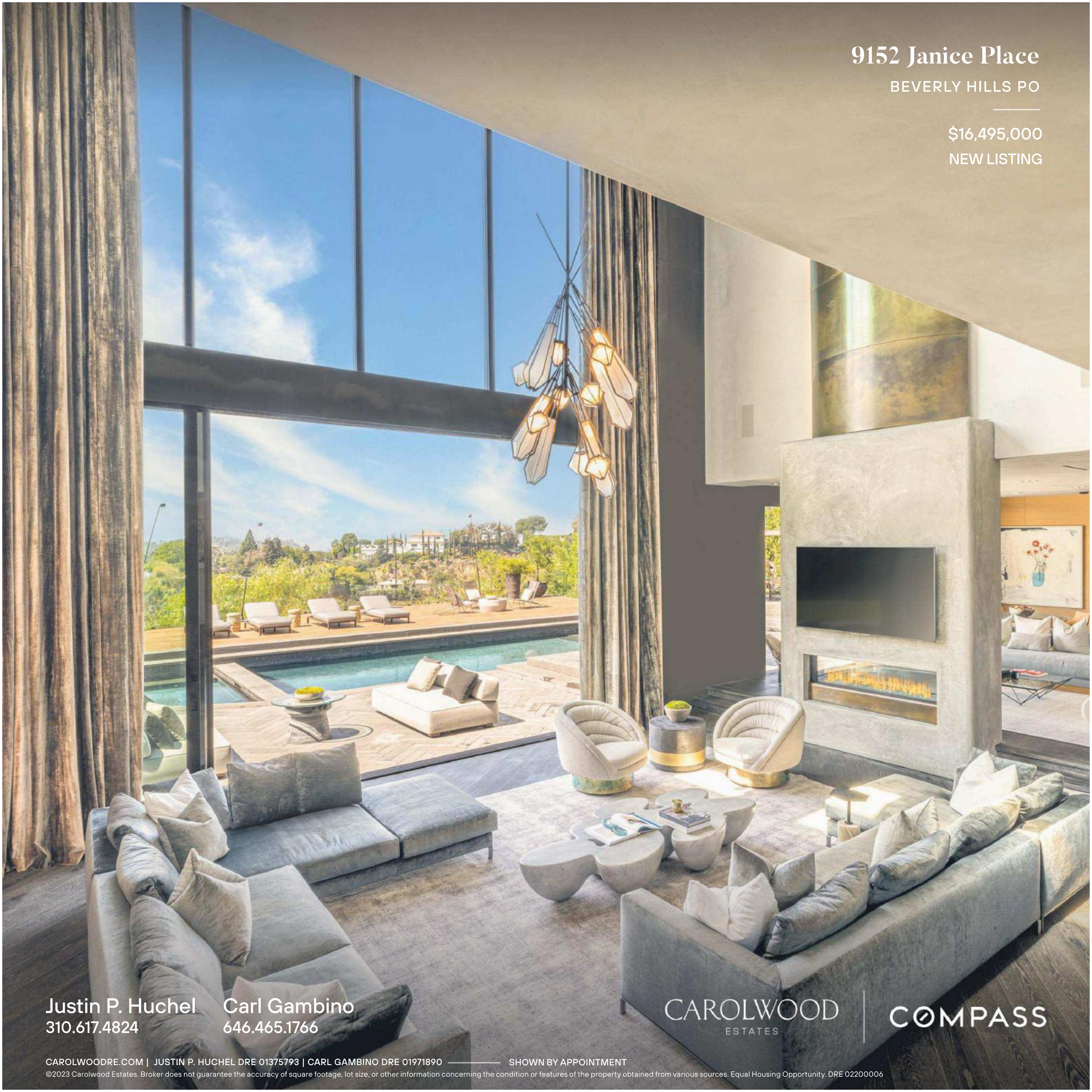

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111 ESPARTA WAY

BEL AIR
$19,995,000
755 STRADELLA ROAD

BRENTWOOD
$19,900,000
1727 MANDEVILLE CANYON ROAD

BRENTWOOD
$18,000,000
BONHILL ROAD ESTATE

BEVERLY HILLS
$17,995,000
1054 ANGELO DRIVE

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10721 STRADELLA CT

9 BD | 14 BA | 20,841 SQFT

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GARCIA HOUSE | 7436 MULHOLLAND DR

5,500 SQ FT | 3 BED | 4 BATH | 100 FT INDOOR POOL

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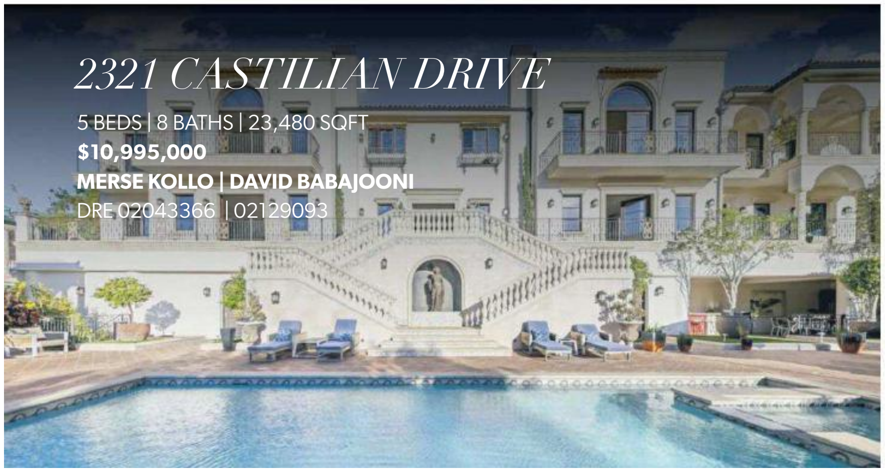

2321 CASTILIAN DRIVE

5 BEDS | 8 BATHS | 23,480 SQFT

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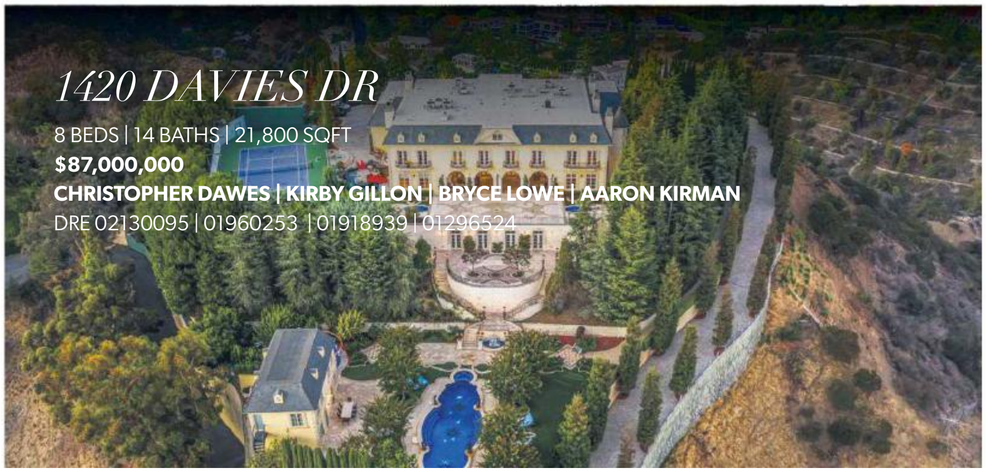

1420 DAVIES DR

8 BEDS | 14 BATHS | 21,800 SQFT

$87,000,000

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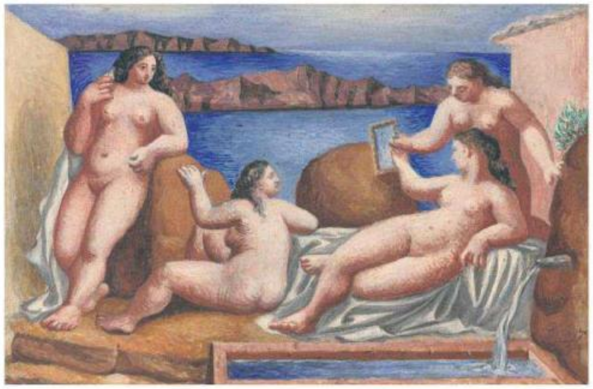

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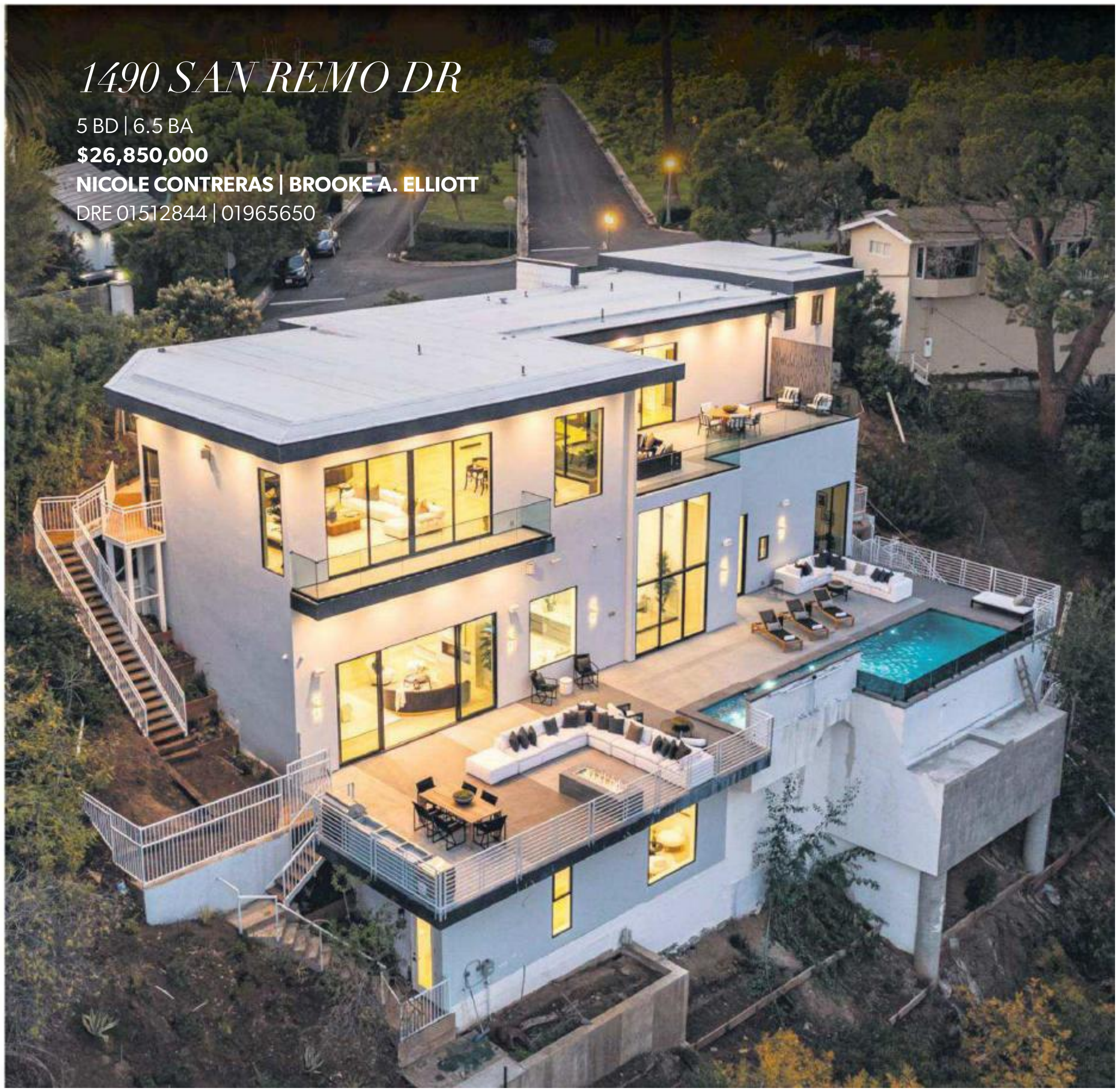

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5 BD | 6.5 BA

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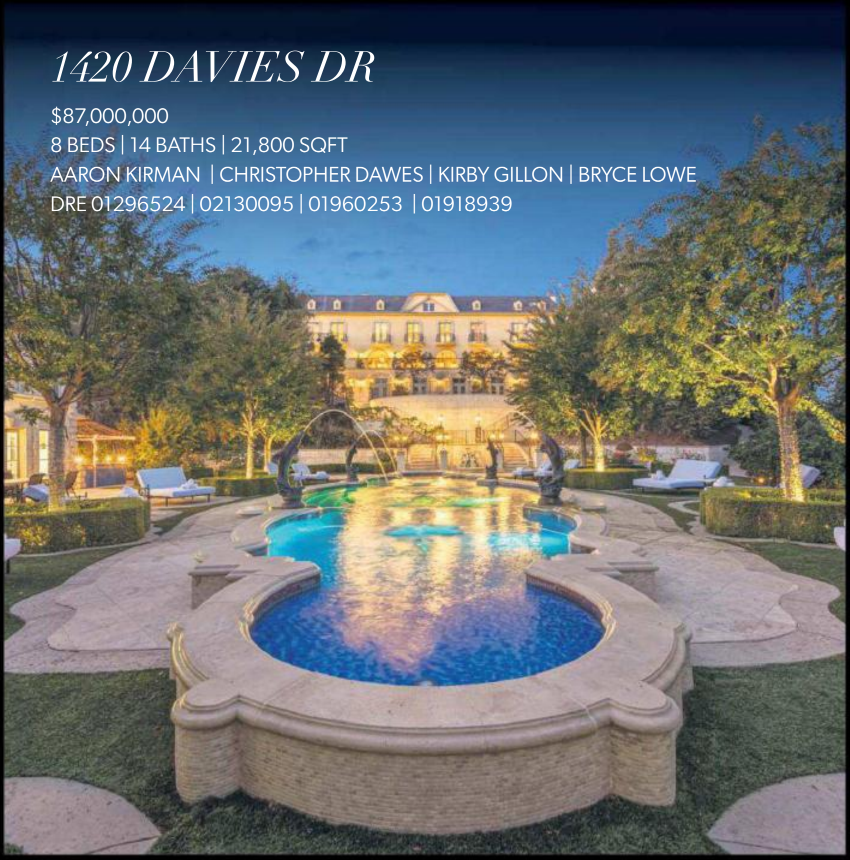

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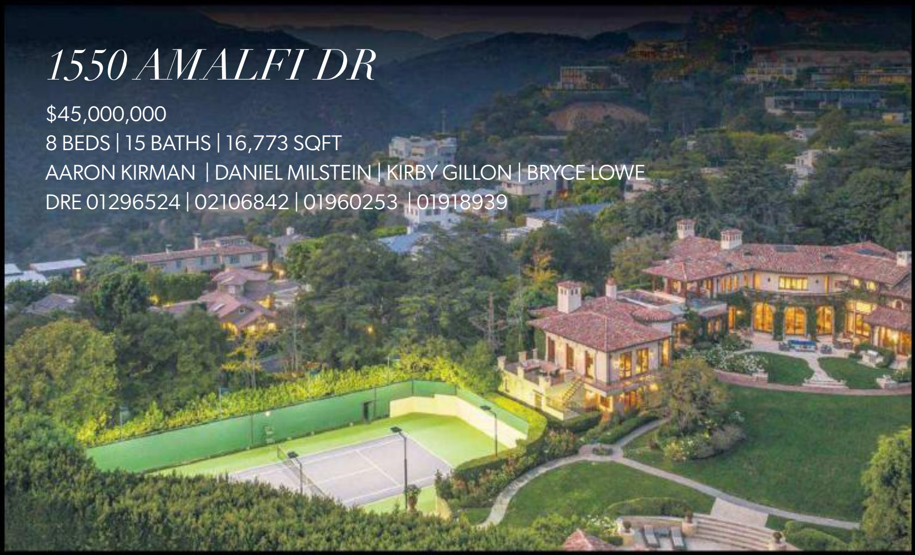

1550 AMALFI DR

$45,000,000
8 BEDS | 15 BATHS | 16,773 SQFT
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1635 CASALE RD

$13,495,000
5 BD | 8 BA | 10,000 SQFT
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165 N LAS PALMAS

$17,995,000 | CONJOINED WITH 160 N MCCADDEN PL
5 BD | 5 BA | 4,768 SQFT
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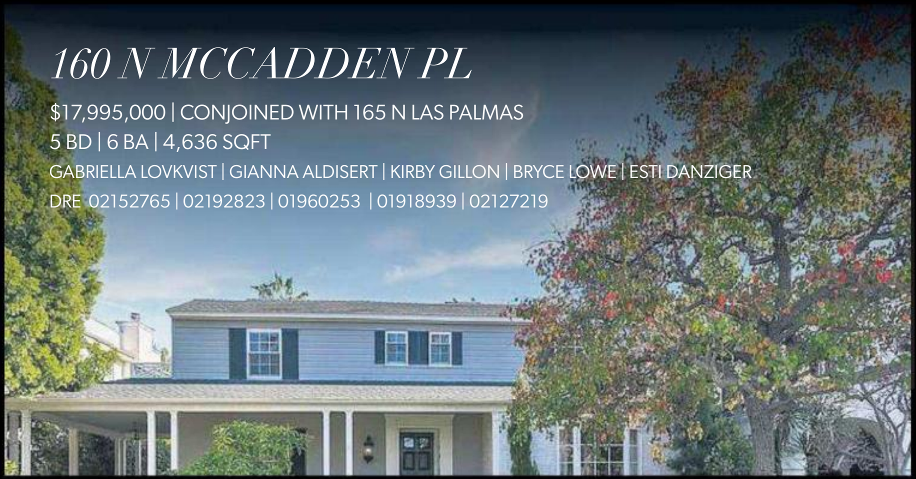

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$17,995,000 | CONJOINED WITH 165 N LAS PALMAS
5 BD | 6 BA | 4,636 SQFT
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$21,995,000
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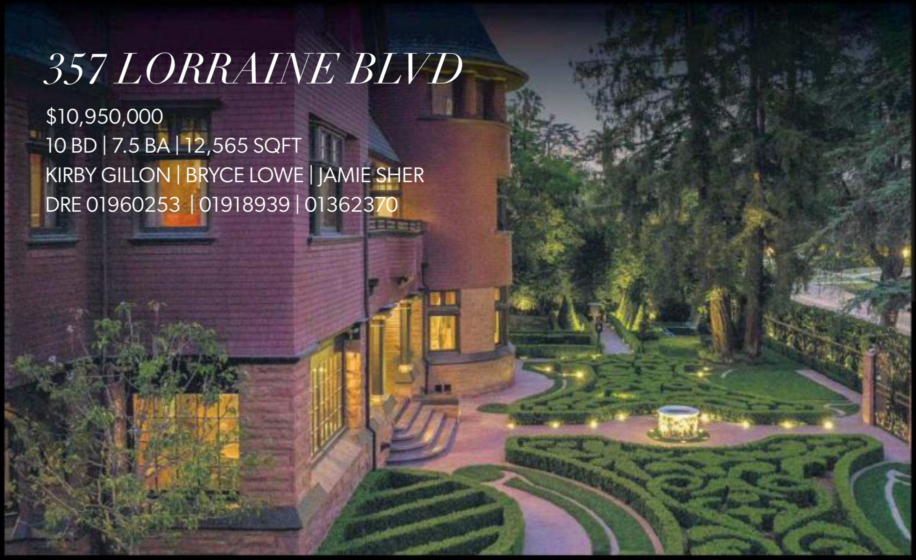

357 LORRAINE BLVD

$10,950,000
10 BD | 7.5 BA | 12,565 SQFT
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929 STONE CANYON RD

$15,995,000
5 BD | 8 BA | 10,000 SQFT
KIRBY GILLON | BRYCE LOWE
DRE 01960253 | 01918939

1884 LAUREL CANYON BLVD

6 BD | 5 BA | 4,888 SQFT
$6,995,000
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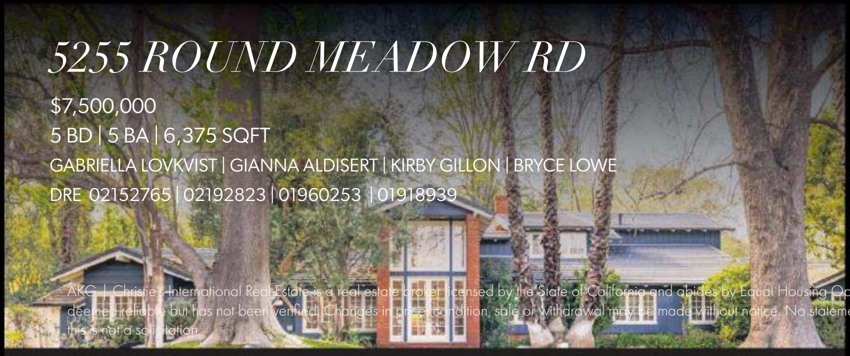

5255 ROUND MEADOW RD

$7,500,000
5 BD | 5 BA | 6,375 SQFT
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2235 HERCULES DR

$7,945,000
5 BD | 7 BA | 6,162 SQFT
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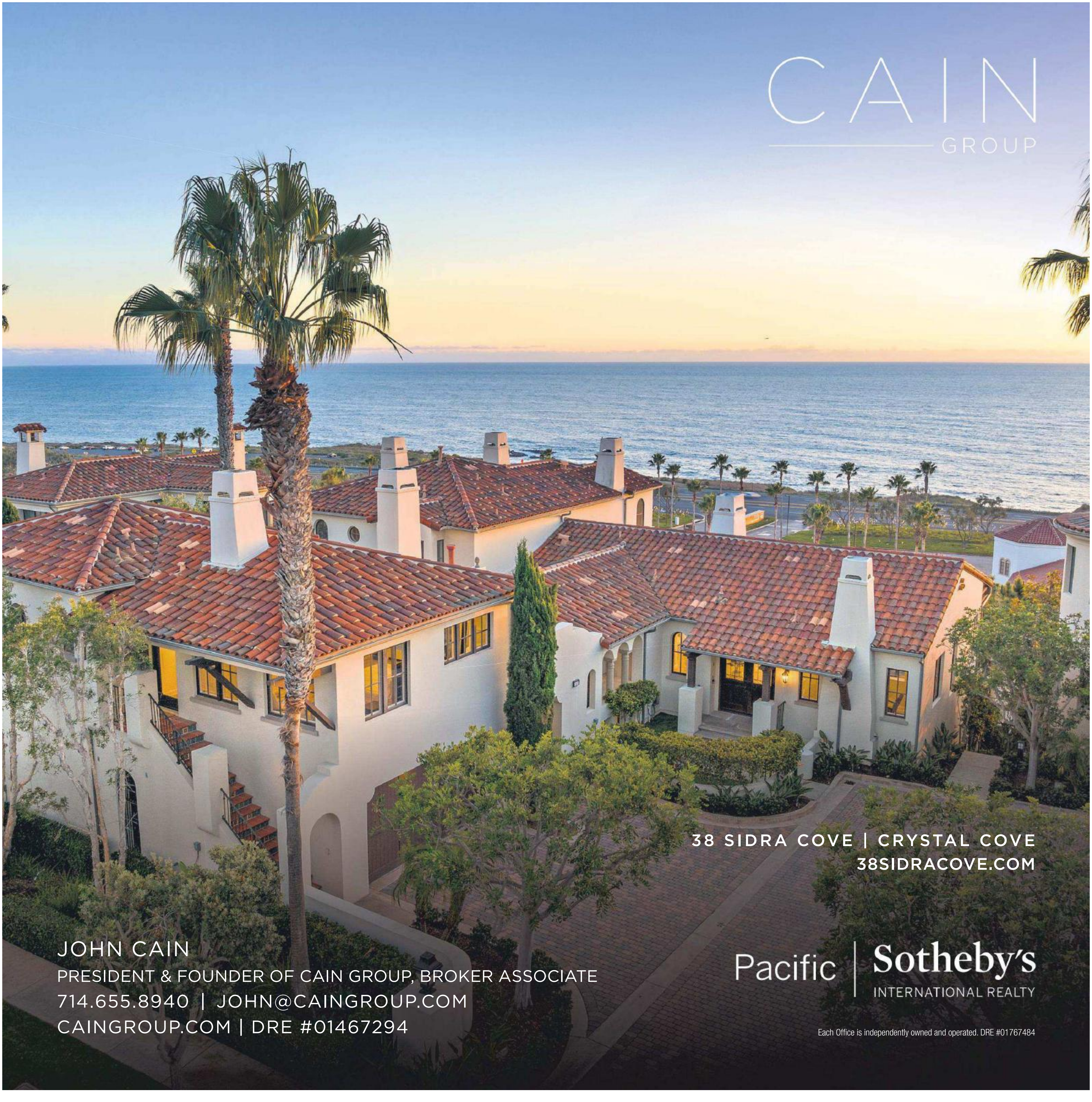

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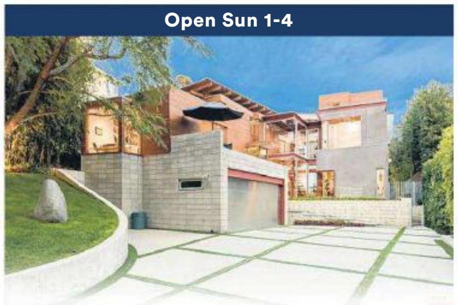

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4BR 3BA Gated tree lined compound with pool & spa
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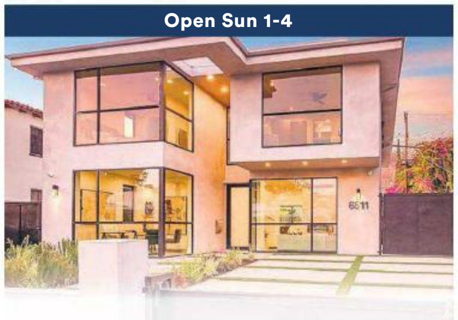

6511 Maryland Dr., Los Angeles $3,699,999
4BR 5BA Breathtaking new construction in prime Beverly Grove
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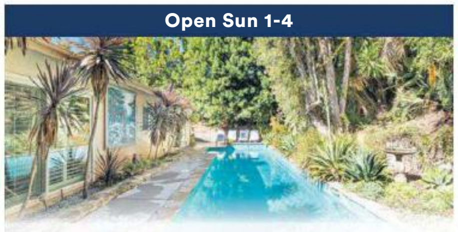

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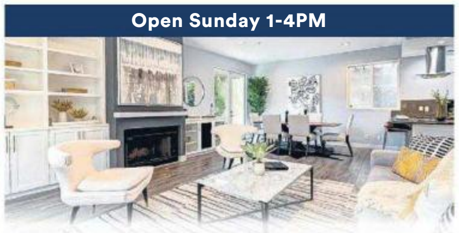

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17352 Sunset #706, Pacific Palisades $1,025,000
SUBLIME VIEWS over Santa Monica Bay. Lrg one BR across from beach
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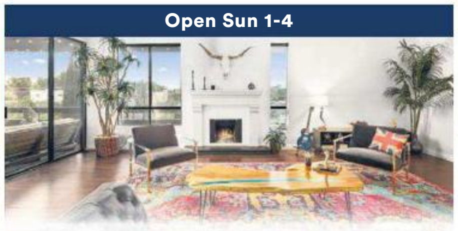

4822 Van Noord #16, Sherman Oaks $915,000
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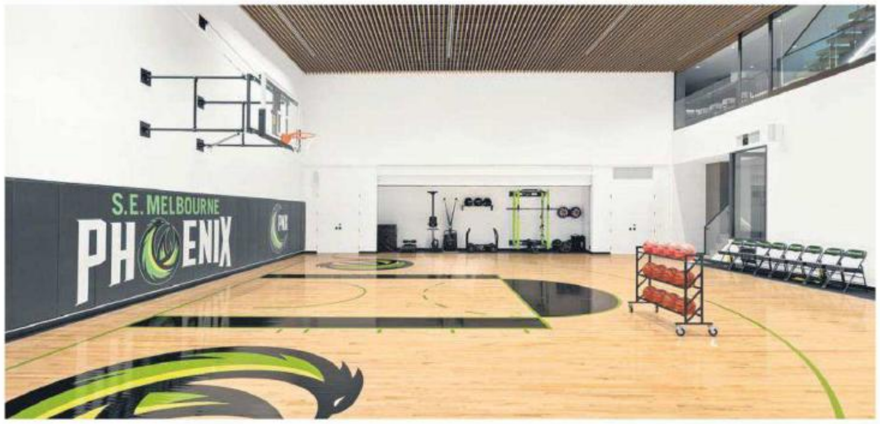

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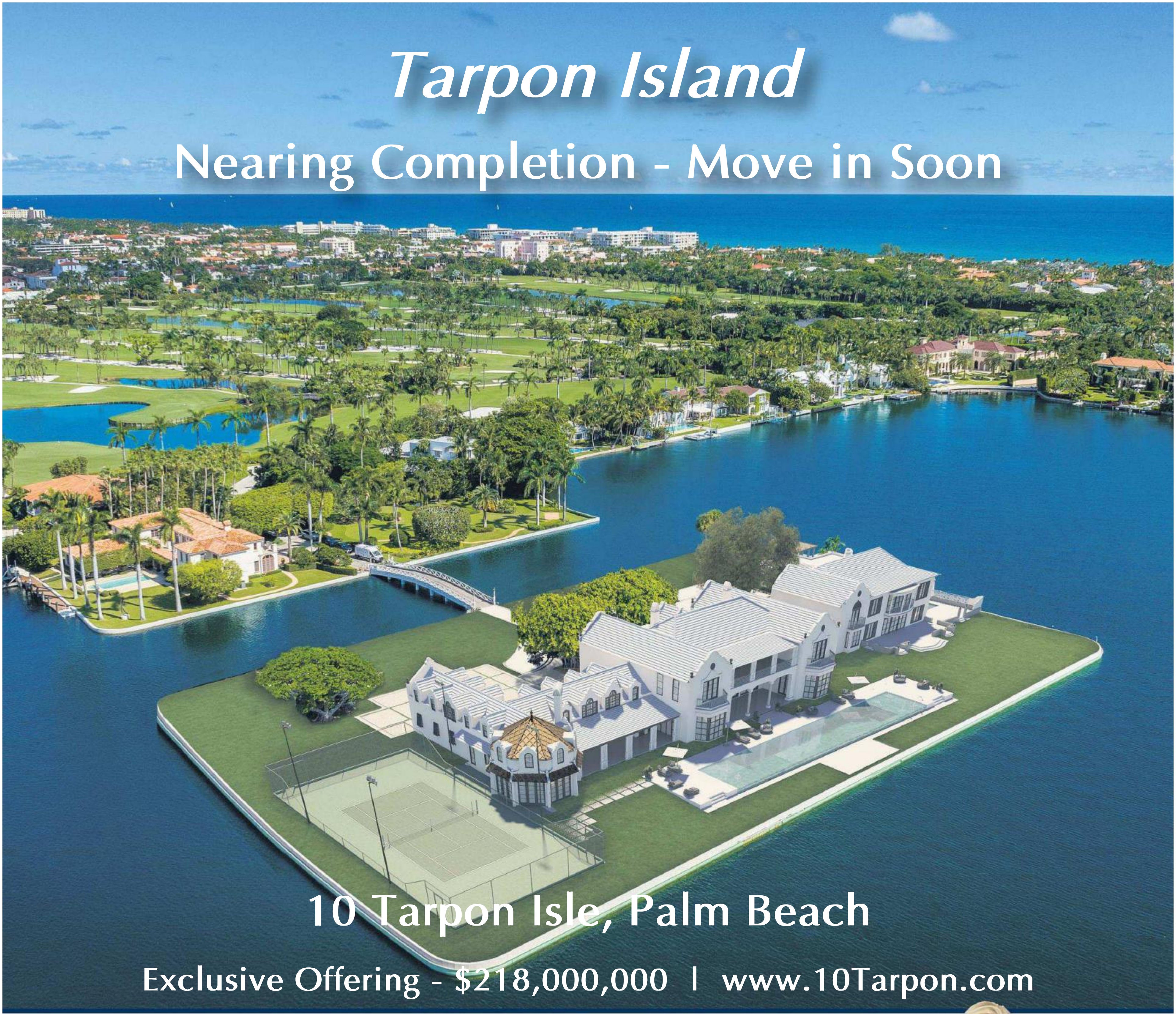

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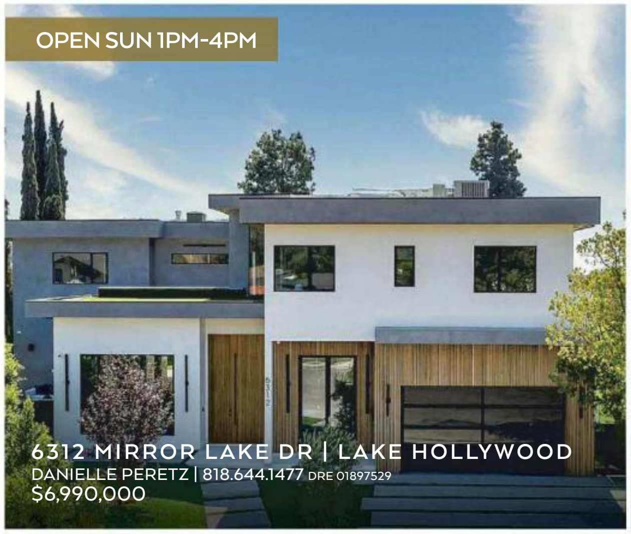

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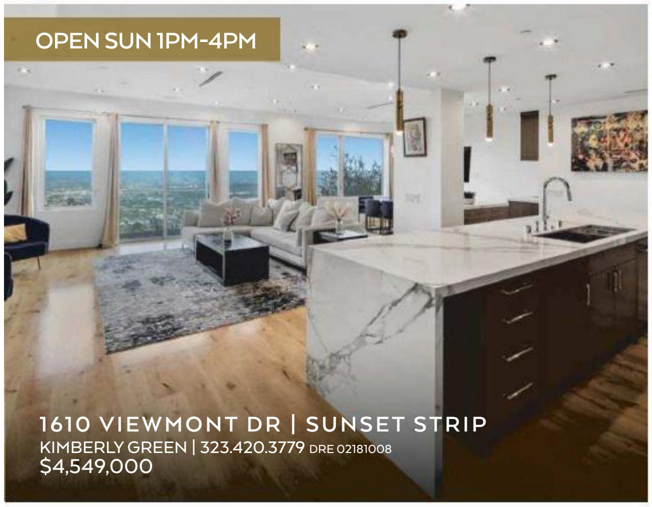

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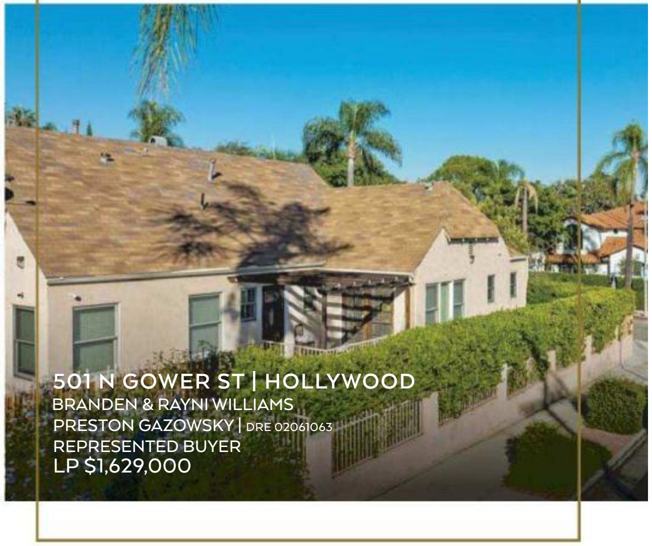

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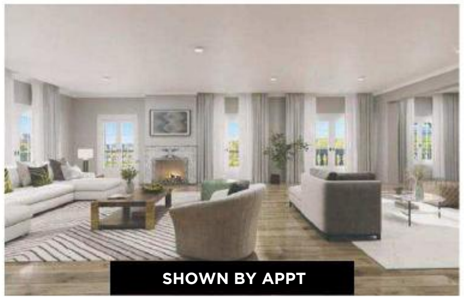

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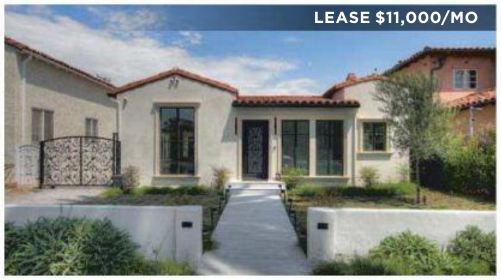
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Achieve the designer look you want without paying high retail prices.

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AFFORDABLE HOME FURNISHINGS AND DECOR

If you want to snazz up your digs, you don't necessarily have to fork over an arm and a leg and frequent expensive retailers.

Especially now, at a time of continued high inflation when home goods, furniture, trinkets, and decor seem ridiculously overpriced, it pays to think outside the big box retailer paradigm and pursue alternate sources of affordable accoutrement.

"Redecorating your home can add up quickly, particularly as we have seen supply chain issues and inflation cause prices to rise for everything from furniture to decor to paint. Shopping around and considering alternative options is more important than ever if you want to stay on budget when trying to update a space in your home," says Andrea Woroch, a money-saving expert in Bakersfield, California.

Don't be afraid to go off route and peruse used décor items, which can reward with years of use at a lower price. That's why many pros continue to point to thrift stores like Salvation Army outposts, secondhand shops, and consignment stores as worthy sources of valuable decor that were previously owned. Local garage and estate sales are also worth considering.

"Thrift stores generally have fixed prices – especially well-known organizations like Goodwill. However, they offer a more traditional shopping experience because you are not interacting directly with the owners of the items as you would online or at a garage sale," notes Cinque Cerra-Saunders, an interior designer and host of A&E's "Living Smaller."

"Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist are also great sources for a mix of both newer and used items that sometimes tend to be more gently used than items found at thrift stores. While the items may possess less wear and tear, the price points for items can vary drastically across these and other platforms," says Kristin Patrician, owner/principal designer for Dwelling Envy Interiors.

"Just be aware that many sellers on these sites price these items not based on market value but rather on perceived value. Often, there is an emotional attachment to these used items, knowing what the object originally cost them to purchase."

Good Craigslist alternatives include OfferUp, Letgo, Poshmark, and Freecycle. It's best to opt for an online platform where you can connect with and pick up from local sellers and thereby avoid exorbitant shipping charges.

Knowing whether a price is worth it or not requires a bit of skill, research, and patience.

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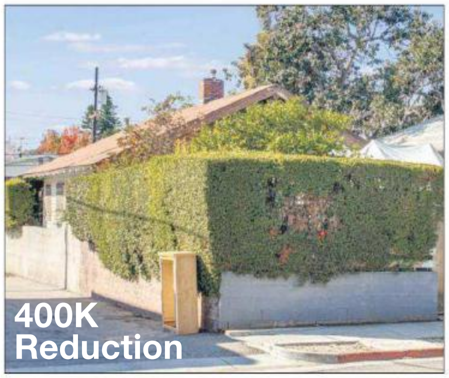
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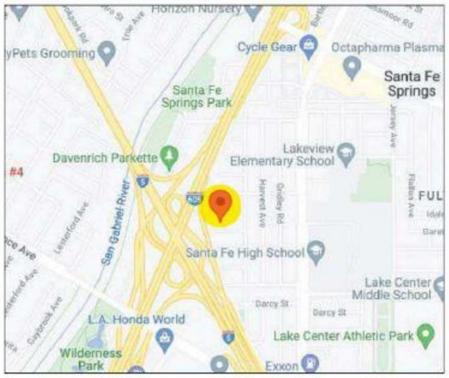
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4119 CENTER ST, CULVER CITY

$1,939,000 | Duplex | 2,227 SF | 7,844 SF Lot

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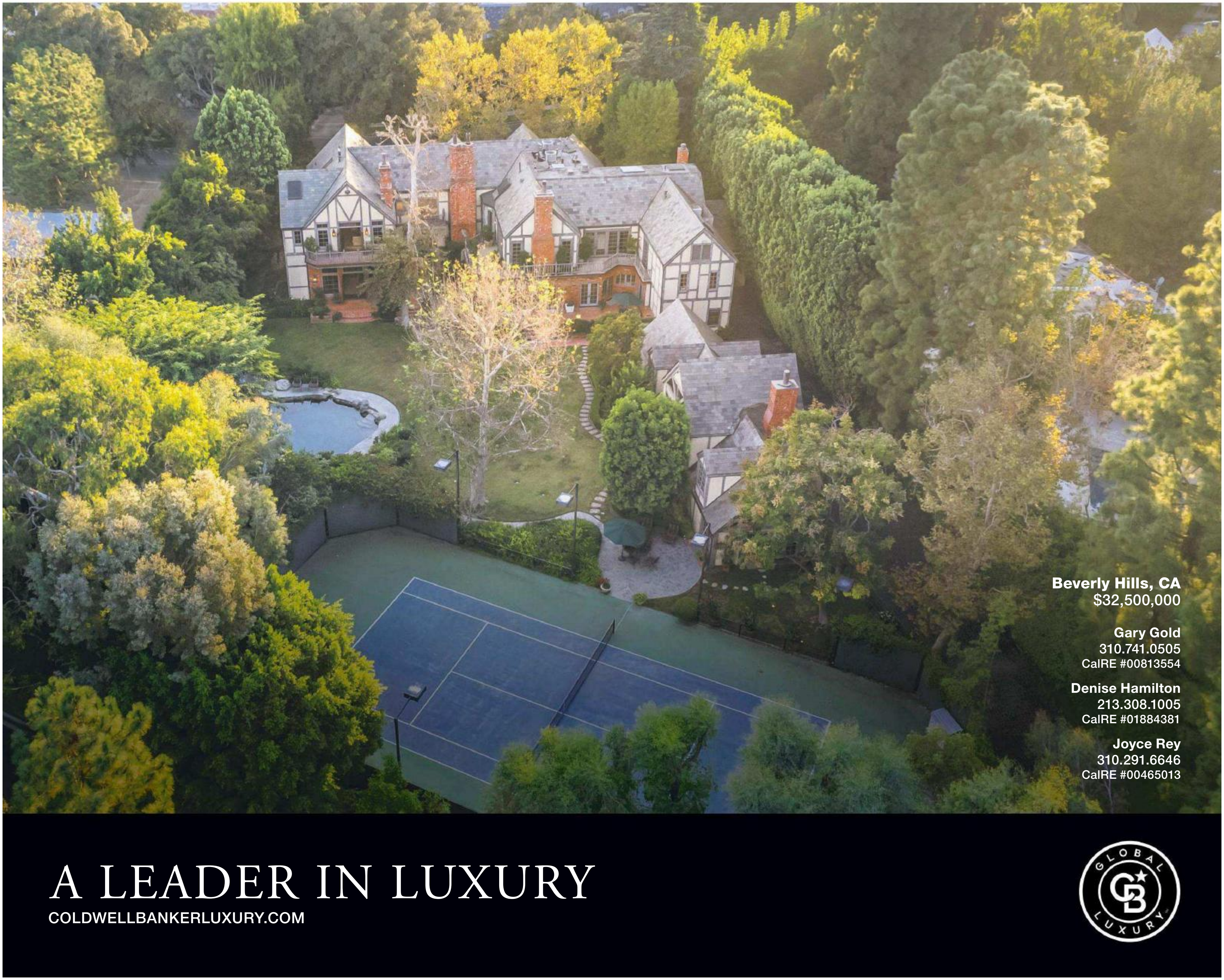

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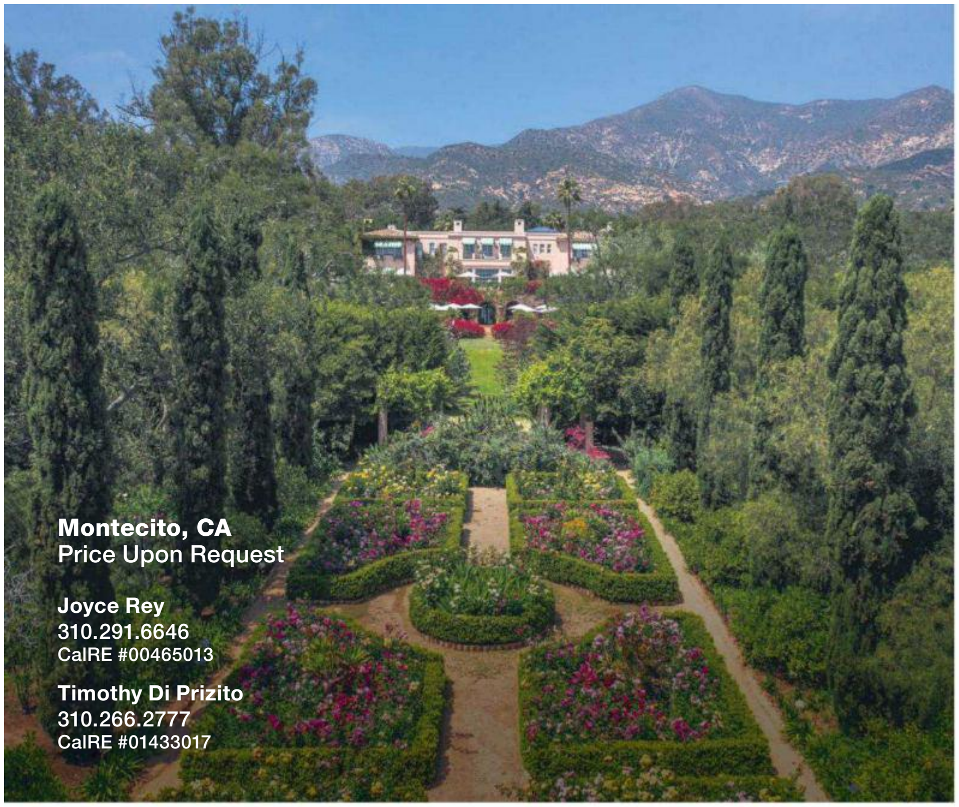

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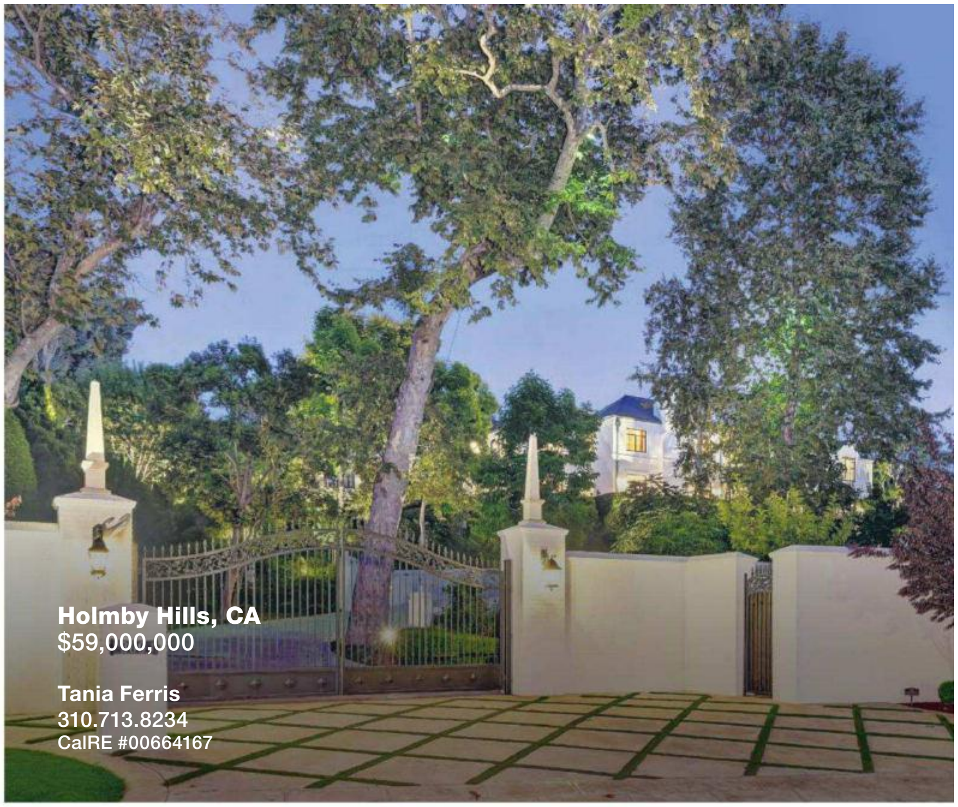

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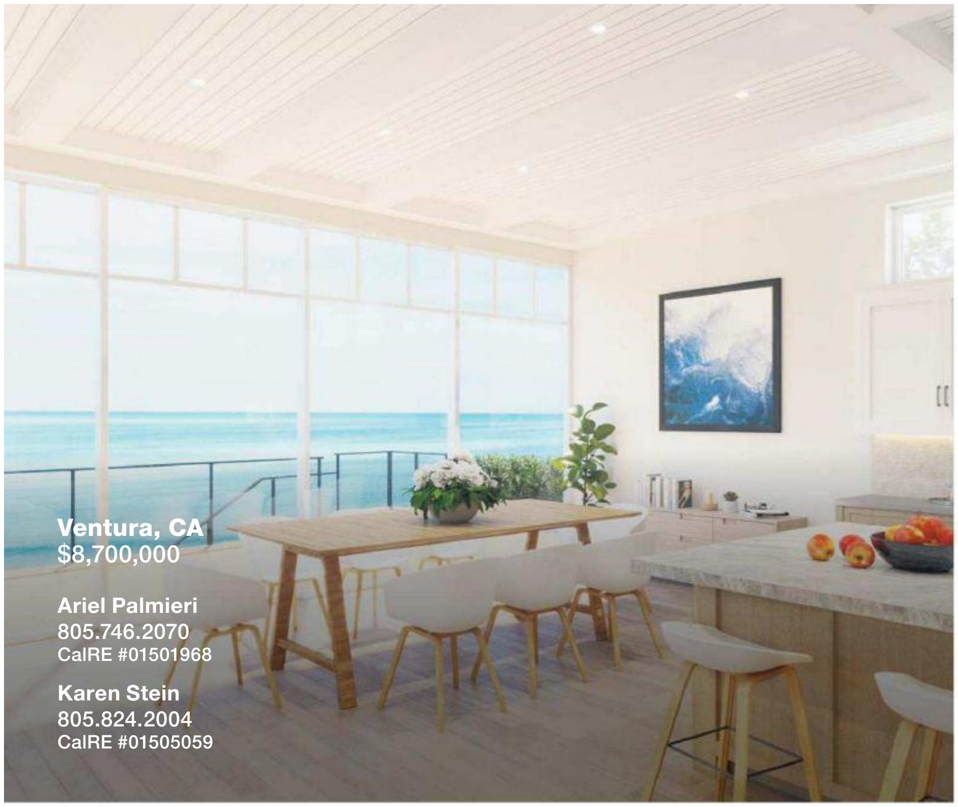

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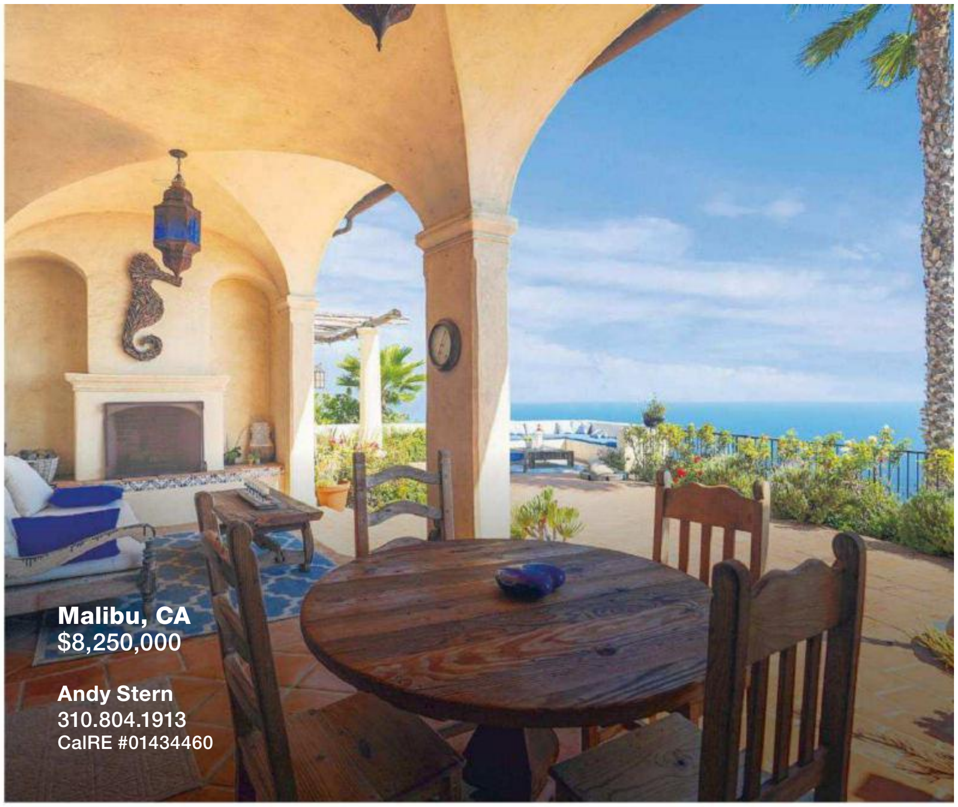

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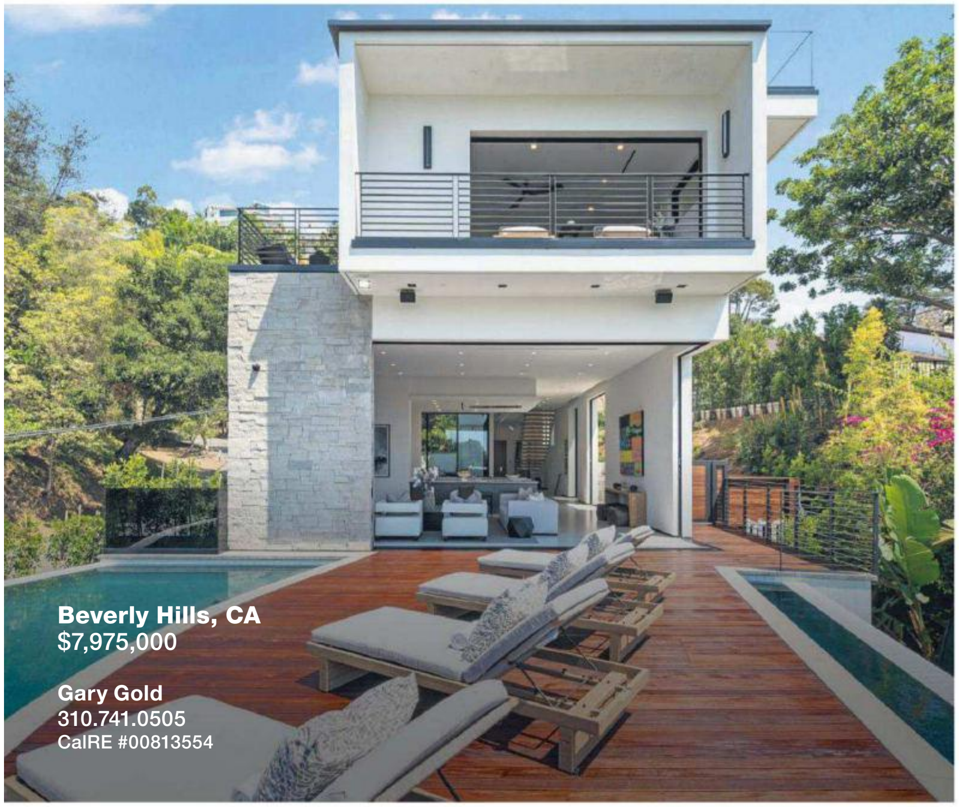

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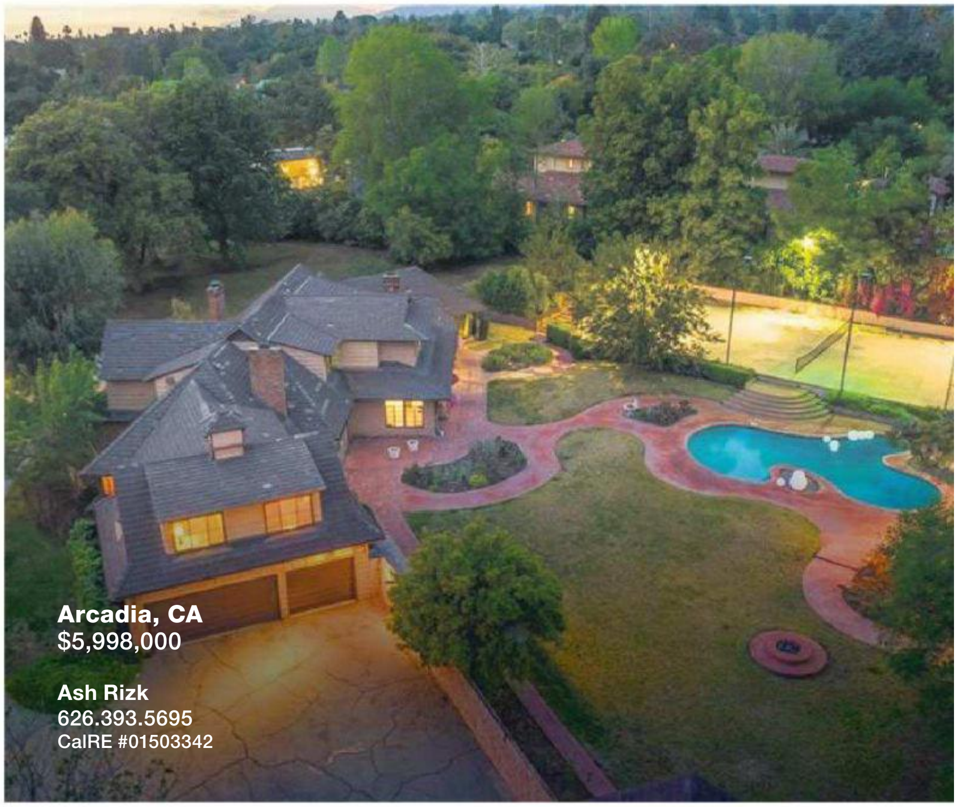

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